

Palestinians survey a minivan yesterday in the Kana River. The vehicle plunged from a collapsing bridge Saturday drowning at least seven Palestinian workers.

IDF joins flood victim search

By DAVID RUDGE

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rate isoto In the Kalkilya region, IDF moops and away by the floods.

daybreak the soldiers worked alongside the Palestinians, including relatives of the miss-ing men, in the search and rescue operations. Palestinian Police continued the search for Maj. Gen. Gabi Ophir, commander of the passengers of the packed van that was swept - IDF forces in Judea and Samaria, told reporters that the troops had expressed their

vent flooding from the rivers in the future. It is still too early for farmers to count the costs of one of the harshest winter weekends for years. "It's impossible to be accurate until the

waters bave fully subsided." Agriculture

State Attorney, police push for lid on leaks

By SARAH HONIG and Jerusalem Post Staff

After a day of trading accusa-tions over the leaks in the Bar-On affair investigation, the State Attomey's Office and the police agreed to not make any more statements until the investigation is finished and conclusions are reached in order to prevent the spread of disinformation.

The decision came after a tense meeting on the topic yesterday morning anended by Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, State Attomey Edna Arbel, Police Deputy Inspector-General Gabi Last, investigation head Cmdr. Sando Mazor and senior investiga-

The participants issued a joint statement saving, "there is a legal, public and humane need to protect the rights of those who are investigated who, like all human beings, are considered innocent and have to be publicly seen as being innocent" while the investigation is in

Netanyahu, saying they would harm the investigation by providing vital information to potential suspects.

Police say that the critical information only reached the media after the meeting on Thursday at

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which investigators provided the State Attorney's Office with details of the investigation.

However, the State Attorney's Office responded that police were just trying to deflect the blame and suggested that two senior police officials were responsible for supplying the niedia with the informa-

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Ya'acov Weinroth (Brian Hendler)

progress. Earlier in the day, senior police sources involved in the investigation scored the State Attomey's Office for the leaks, particularly those referring to the questioning of Prime Minister Binyamin

The forecast for today is for isolated thunderstorms to continue throughout most parts of the country with the rain and strong winds dying out tomorrow.

Palestinian laborers trying to sneak past an army roadblock into Israel fell off a rickety bridge late Saturday into the swollen Kana, River, which swept them away and drowned. at least seven passengers. IDF troops answered a call for help from the Palestinian Police and by yesterday afternoon, with the help of a helicopter, had found the bodies of seven people who had been riding in the van. According to two survivors, four more pas-

sengers were still missing. The Palestinians were reportedly from the Jenin region and did not have Israeli work permits. The IDF said it was fully coordinating the scarches with the Palestinian Police, but that now searches were focused near the Israeli village of Jaljulya and that Israeli police were involved. It is feared that the bodies may have been carried into the Yarkon River and security sources say they may have been swept to sea.

The Palestinian Authority search and rescue parties began the search and then called on Israel for help. The IDF sent units of Golani Brigade troops to the scene. From

· condolences to the families at the scene when bodies of their relatives were found. They also offered their condolences to the PA. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu also

The Volkswagen minibus filled with contacted PA Chairman Yasser Arafat to express the government's condolences. Ophir said the soldiers had searched both banks of the Kana River as far as its junction

with the Yarkon and the matter had then been transferred to the police. As the searches continued, residents of

Kalansuwa village in the Triangle region began mopping up after the floods that swamped nearly 1,000 homes in the community on Saturday began to recede.

The floods, which also destroyed greenhouses and washed away field crops, was caused when the Alexander and Tzuran Rivers overflowed as a result of torrential rain in the area on Saturday morning.

Negba, which borders the Gaza Strip, recorded the largest amount of rain in the country yesterday with 100 millimeters, while Jerusalem was hit with 46 mm. and Tel Aviv with 19 mm.

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav visited the village yesterday and met with local council leaders and residents. The government has reportedly promised to provide funding for drainage and other measures to uy and pre-

Ministry spokesman Naphtali Yaniv said. The recent cold snap and earlier drought caused millions of dollars of losses to farmers. The prolonged dry spell, for example, led to the ruin of some 60,000 tons, or S4 million worth of seeds in the Negev.

The damage caused by the flooding also effected farmers elsewhere in the country. Field crops in northern and central districts were badly hit. Farmers in the South, however, complained that hardly any rain had fallen

there and their crops had dried up. Fruit and cirus farmers, on the other hand, welcomed the heavy rains, which will help ripen fruits after the long dry spells that have characterized the winter.

Mekorot officials reported that the water level in the Kinneret had risen by as much as 22 centimeters since last Friday - more than half of the total of 40 cm. that it has gone up during the entire winter season.

They noted, however, that the water level is still more than 2 meters from its maximum mark, although it is expected to continue to rise in the coming days due to the strong inflow from the Jordan River and other streams and tributaries that ultimately flow into the lake.

Arich O'Sullivan and David Harris contributed to this report.

PM pledges Har Homa quid pro quo

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu informed Jordan's King Hussein during a visit to Amman yesterday that Israel plans to "simultaneously announce this week" the construction of some 2,600 Jewish housing units in Har Homa while it grants permission for the construction of an "aproximately equal" number of Arab units in the Jerusalem area, participants in yesterday's talks says.

In remarks at the joint press conference at the Raghdan Palace, the monarch sought to be diplomatic but urged all to act "responsibly" to ensure peace prevails.

When asked specifically about his views on Har Homa, Hussein said: "I know how sensitive the issue of Jerusalem is. I hope nothing will ever happen that will explode emotions. We have to think with our minds and hearts. " While trying to play down differences, when pressed further, Hussein, added, "our principled position is to oppose any change (in eastern Jerusalem) that would effect or threaten the peace

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"DYLAN THOMAS RETURN JURNEY". Directed by ANTHONY HOPKINS and acclaimed on both sides of the Atlantic, this thrilling 'roly-poly word binge' stars BOB KINGDOM in the definitive portroyoi of the Welsh poet destined for greatness and despair. Kingdom moves us with Thomas's sooring poems and wonderful storytelling, including 'A Child's Christmas In Wales', his return as an adult to Swansea and epic pub craw! with thirty wild, wet Welshmen. "BOB KINGDOM SEEMS NOT SIMPLY TO BE PLAYING THOMAS, OR IMITATING THOMAS, BUT BEING THOMAS" Clive Barnes, New York Post

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Turkmenis seek to supply gas to Israel Sharon to discuss the supply of Sheikhmuradov's visit here on By DAVID HARRIS

Turkmeni Foreign Minister Boris Sheikhmuradoy has request-ed a meeting with National Infrastructure Minister Ariel

natural gas 10 Israel, a senior industry source said last night. Sheikhinuradov has apparently negotiations, it would provide an asked Foreign Minister David Levy to arrange the meeting for Qatar and Egypt, which are prov-

March 19. If a deal were to come out of the negotiations, it would provide an

ing difficult to secure. The Turkmenis are proposing the construction of a pipeline under the Caspian Sea to Turkey,

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process.

Hadash MK Bashara's new kidney - courtesy his brother

By JUDY STEGEL

Hadash MK Azmi Bashara will Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem today to receive a kidney donated by his brother, Marwan. Bashara, who has quietly taken off from his parliamentary work to 1 undergo dialysis three times a week, says his three sisters and many other relatives offered a kidney as well. "I could have had a

dozen," he joked last night.-

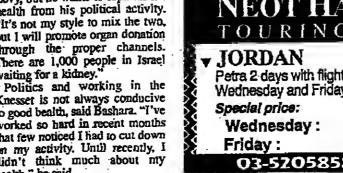
Bashara was diagnosed with undergo surgery, as dialysis is hypertension and of late has been receiving medication for it, but a tion suddenly deteriorated and he. Isabor and Social Affairs needed dialysis. "I tried not to by Committee chairman MK Maxim it interfere with my work in me. Knesset," said Bashara, a 10-yearold Nazareth resident.

his siblings all inderwent com-patibility tests, and Marwan – an anthor and teacher at the American University in Parts – was found the most suitable

very time consuming and tiring. The MK has raised the issue of organ transplants with Knesset Levy, but he wants to separate his health from his political activity. "It's not my style to mix the two, but I will promote organ donation through the proper channels. There are 1,000 people in Israel waiting for a kidney.

Dr. Ahmen Eid, a senior Hadaassah sorgeon who performed Israel's first liver transplant some years gec, will do the operation hope he doesn't take out my there by mistake," said the MK, who added he was relieved to





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NEWS

in brief

Death sentence overturned for bomb maker

A military court overturned the death sentence for a Hamas activist convicted of making the bomb a suicide bomber used to blow up an Egged bus in Hadera in 1994, killing five people and wounding 30.

The military court of appeals sitting in Dotan handed down the life sentence to Zayid Mohammed Yossef Badama, canceling a November 1994 military court's death sentence. 8adama, 26, also was given a 30-year senience and 15-year suspended sentence in his conviction on seven counts, including charges he helped make the bomb and plan the attack. He also was convicted of planning several attacks prior to the Hadera bus bombing. Arieh O' Sullivan

Shahor steps down

Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor stepped down yesterday as coordinator of government activities in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. He was replaced by Maj. Gen. Ya acov Or. "I am completing 32 years of IDF service." Shahor said at a

ceremony al Erez junction yesterday. "I commanded many units and executed my tasks with the utmost responsibility. The task of government coordinator in the territories was the most fascinaling."

Next stage in Hebron street opening

In a one-hour meeting yesterday, Israeli and Palestinian officials in Hebron agreed to advance to another stage in the opening of Shuhada Street, which runs through the Jewish-populated area of the city. They agreed to make the third of the street that opened late last month accessible to two-way traffic, instead of its present one-way limit.

Mayor Musiafa Natshe, Preventive Security Chief Jibril Rajoub and Hebron IDF officials participated in the meeting. Within four months of the Hebron agreement - that is, by early May - the whole street is to be reopened to traffic. Jon Immanuel

Cohen: Soldiers forced to pay life insurance

Meretz MK Ran Cohen demanded yesterday that the defense minister cancel the collection of a life insurance fee from soldiers. Cohen, chairman of the State Control Committee, said the deduction of the insurance fees from soldiers' salaries without their knowledge is a "moral scandal,"

"How is it possible that soldiers who are serving in Lebanon, on the confrontation line, or any other place, and risking their lives to protect the state, are forced by the state to pay life insurance from their their measly salaries, and without their knowledge?" Cohen demanded in a parliamentary question. Itim

Arafat to sign trade deal with EU

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafai meets European Union foreign ministers today in Brussels to sign an agreement to remove trade barriers over the next five years and to provide for regular political consultation between the EU and the Palestinians. The EU is the biggest single contributor of economic assistance to the PA, spending \$406 million on the the West Bank and Gaza

Strip since 1993. The peace process is not formally on the agenda for Arafat's visit, but EU officials said Palestinian-Israeli relations might be discussed informally at a dinner this evening to be attended by Aratal and the EU foreign ministers.

IDF detains Iragi infiltrator at Jordan border

The IDF detained an Iraqi citizen who attempted to infiltrate from Jordan yesterday, security sources said.

They said a 35-year-old Iragi had crossed into Israel near Bet She an. He was apparently unarmed and was detained for questioning. In the past Iraqis have crossed into Israel from Jordan seeking work or political asylum. Reuter

Monday, February 24, 1997 The Jerusalem Post Hanegbi files complaint with side police against Channel 1

By BATSHEVA TSUR and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi lodged a complaint with police yesterday against Channel 1 for reporting that he had "five times misled the government" with regard to the appointment of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general.

Hanegbi, who took the complaint to the Mevasseret Zion police station near his home said he was basing his charges on clause 6 of the law preventing slander, which carries a year's imprisonment for offenders.

The complaint fingered Yisrael Segal, editor of the Friday night news program, as well as ITV director Motti Kirschenbaum. Meanwhile, Channel 1 last night apologized to anomey Dan Avi-Yitzhak for a report by commentator Amnon Abramovitz, on the same program, in which he called Avi-Yitzhak "the recording attorney" The TV station likewise corrected a report

said Sharon.

effort to malign him.

from unnamed sources either in

the police or the prosecution or

both. This could smack of an

attempt to commit a coup via a

police investigation. All this is

who are players in this episode

and not impartial observers, i.e

"While this goes on, the opposi-

by its legal reporter, Michael Doron, who had charged that the lawyer brought recordings of conversations with Aryeh Deri to the police.

Earlier yesterday Abramovitz warned that if attorney Avi-Yitzhak tried to sue him he would expose things which could greatly embarrass Avi-Yitzhak.

Abramovitz was commenting in a radio interview on Avi-Yitzhak's threats to sue him and Doron for reporting on Friday night that he made recordings of conversations

with clients and gave them to police. Abramovitz said yesterday, "I never said, nor do I say now, that Avi-Yitzhak recorded MK Aryeh Deri, yet I stick to the nickname 'the recording attorney.' I am referring to another event. "If Avi-Yitzhak chooses to confront me or

intimidate me, I can expose things he did in another case, which would embarrass him

greatly, to say the least." Abramovitz also said the only news he exposed on Friday night referred to the fact that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

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had been questioned under caution. Meanwhile, Media Watch has filed a com-plaint to the Israel Press Council against Abramovitz, demanding that it examine whether he violated professional ethics in his threat against Avi-Yitzhak. If Abramovitz has information that is of public interest, he must expose it, the council said. However, if it is found that he does not have such information this amounts to blackmail and lies, and thus Abramovitz is not worthy of being a journalist.

Coalition chairman MK Michael Eitan called on the Israel Broadcasting Authority to take "significant sleps" against Abramovitz for his statements on the radio. Eitan said that Abramovitz's holding back information of public interest and using it to deter Avi-Yitzhak to determine the truth was to be seen in the "most serious light." Sarah Honig contributed to this report.

Likud MKs protest police 'leaks'

itself a list of difficult missions. It sew suits they expect to wear when they bring the government has to carry them out, and it will," down. This is all grotesquely Other Likud politicians yesterabsurd," Matza said.

day accused the police and the prosecution of leaking details of Netanyahu's questioning in an Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Likud MK Uzi Landau said "members of the investiga-Health Minister Yehoshua tions team all signed affidavits Matza questioned wby, in a democratic state like ours, which pledging to maintain total secrecy. This was the first thing the public prides itself on the fact that in was apprised of in this investigaour legal system no one is immune from investigation, there tion. In view of this, isn't it more than just a bit curious that they is also no outcry about the ten-dentious campaign of innuendo leak day after day after day like an open faucet?" and defamation which comes

Itim adds: NRP chairman Hanan Porat and party secretary Zevulun Orlev criticized groups that are trying to make political gains from the Bar-On affair investigation. The two requested that the police and State Attorney's office should be brought to the public by a thoseallowed to complete the investigation without pressure. Until the probe ends, the party supports the prime minister.

Peres calls for restraint in talk of elections

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor Chairman Shimon Peres yesterday criticized --- party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli's initiative to prepare for early elections, in case the government falls as a result of the Bar-On affair.

Peres called on all party leaders to show restraint until the police investigation is completed, both in their comments on the affair and in the activity toward elections. MKs Ehud Barak and Haggai Merom joined Peres in saving this

Ariel Sharon

He was asked whether Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu deserved to continue in office in light of the the issue and other matters relating to the government's performance.

as if the matters around you don't exist," said Sharon, at a press conmarks to people. I think the government is one that has taken upon

How to remove a prime minister

LIAT COLLINS

Tzahi Hanegbi

National

By DAVID RUDGE and SARAH HONIG

Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday

called for the police to be allowed to continue their

inquiries into the Bar-On affair

The minister, who spoke to reporters during his first official

visit to Haifa as guest of Mayor

Amram Mitzna, said he believed

has to be allowed to be conducted quietly, for all the investigators

and examiners, with the minimum

"I admit that it is not a comfort-

able situation, but it is the kind of

situation that you have to know

how to accept quietly and be capa-

ble of continuing with your work

possible interference from out-

I think that the investigation

without any disturbances.

the matter would end well.

side," said Sharon.

ference at city hall.

Infrastructure

The Basic Law: The Government, which came into District Court before a bench of effect with the last elections, contains several clauses relating The Knesset can also vote to oust a prime minister not accused specifically to a situation in which the premier cannot funcor found guilty of a crime, but this needs an 80 MK majority to tion in his post. Commonly known as the Direct pass in the plenum. At least 40 MKs must sign the demand for this type of vote. Their request is Elections Law, there are sections refering in particular to a situation in which the prime minister forwarded to the Knesset House is found guilty of a crime of Committee, which must raise it in moral turpitude, or even just the Knesset plenum within 30 indicied. Motions of no confidays. If the committee does not dence in the prime minister can forward it to the plenum, the be held, though not the govern-Knesset Speaker is obliged to ment. Unlike in previous raise it at the earliest opportunity. Knessets, these motions require a In either case, the prime minister majority of 61 MKs to pass, and must be given a chance to explain not just the majority of MKs prehis case before the plenum vote. If the prime minsiter is unable to function for a period not exceeding 100 days, he may sent. If the prime minister is toppled by a no-confidence motion, the Knesset must dissolve and elections must be held both for the MK to replace him. The acting Knessel and the prime minister within 60 days. If a prime minisprime minister has all the rights of the premier, other than the ter resigns, special elections are right to dissolve the Knesset. If held just for the premiership. the premier cannot function and A criminal investigation of the does not appoint a replacement, prime minister can only be carthe cabinet can appoint a minister to replace him. If the period ried out with the approval of the exceeds 100 days, elections are attorney general, who is also the held just for the premiership. only person authorized to hand



"I am not in the habit of giving Channel One. tion is beginning to celebrate and

Charges against the prime minister must be heard in the Jerusalem

three judges.

appoint a minister who is also an

the premier an indictment.

Bar-On chronology Reporter Ayala Hasson breaks the story on Channel 1. January 22 The story causes a public uproar. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, along with others accused of being involved, vehe-January 23 mently deny the allegations.

Netanyahu offers his support for a police January 24



Woman killed in crash

A woman driver was killed yesterday afternoon when her car was hit by a cement truck north of Hasira junction. A Magen David Adom team came to the scene and declared her dead. Itim

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of

RUTH NUSSENFELD-NAVEH

The funeral will take place today, Monday, February 24,

1997, at 3 p.m, leaving from the entrence to

Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

We will meet at the main gate.

With great sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister

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GENIE POLEYEFF

The funeral will take place at Eretz Hachaim Cemetery,

Beit Shemesh (near Shimshon Junction) 1 1/2 hours after

the arrival of TWA Flight 884, which is scheduled to land

at 3:00 p.m. today, Monday,

Shiva will be at 11 Diskin Street, Apt. 16, Jerusalem,

and 1804 E 3rd St., Brooklyn.

For further details, call 02-561-8543,

Husband: Rabbi Israal Polayeff

Susan & Barry Wolf

Brother: Lenore & Asher Schapiro

Sister: Rachel & Yitzchak Klein

Arthur & Linda Poleyeff

Children: Jacob Poleyeff

Eli and Noah Naveh

and the family

Chanan and Tsipi Naveh

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from where Israel would be supplied.

However, government sources suggested the financial and poliucal costs will be too large a burden for the former Soviel state. Too many competing nations would have to give permission for the pipeline to be constructed to the Turkish coast. Turkey itself has expressed considerable interest in supplying Israel with natur-al gas. From Turkey, a line would be constructed under the Mediterranean to the Israeli coast.

"The idea has cropped up before," said an Israeli Foreign Ministry official. "But it looks

far-fetched to me." Turkmenistan, bordered by

Russia and Iran, is currently attempting to toe an independent middle line between Moscow and Teheran. The pipeline would give the Turkmenis an important Turkish-Israeli triangle. The country holds the world's fourthlargest gas reserves.

Meanwhile, the Israeli company Merhav was last week involved in deals with the Turkmenis worth some \$600 million.

The first was for a refinery upgrade and construction of a new petrochemical plant. The other project is for upgrading the country's natural gas infrastruc-Inte-

NEWSLINE

with Dr. Reuven Hazan and Dr. Menahem Hofnung. lecturers in the Political Science Department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

According to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, Prime Minister Netanyahu must resign if either he or Justice Minister Tzahi Hangebi is found to have been directly involved in the Bar-On affair. Is this true?

Hazan: No. There are only two marks the knesset gives prime minister out of office. One, if the Knesset gives him a no-confidence vote, which would then force new elections both for the office of the prime minis-ter as well as for the entire Knesset. Two, if the prime minister is found guilty of a criminal misdeed, then there must be more than 61 MKs voting against the there must be more than 61 MKs voting against the to force him out of office. In such a scenario, new elections would be held within 60 days for the office to force him out of office. In such a scenario, new elections would be held within 60 days for the office the highest echelons of the Netanyahu government since its election. Everything shows that this man is incarable of leading a huge government bure dorigont Hazan: No. There are only two ways of forcing the legal obstacles, but political ones as well.

The Prime Minister was reportedly investigated "under caution." What does this mean?

Hazan: This is the second level of investigation after questioning of a witness. It means that if someone is not fully cooperative and thought to be somehow connected to the probe, the investigation can immediately be transformed into one "held under caution," meaning that the witness can be implicated by his own words. In this case, he has the right to remain silent.

What are the implications if the prime minister is guilty of a "breach of trust?"

Hazan: A criminal breach of trust is cause for criminal proceedings.

Hofnung: We have norms of behavior for govern-

Investigation into the affair. **January 26** State Attomey Edna Arbel instructs police to begin investigating. That afternoon, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz ennounces the creation of a special investigative committee and estimates that the investigation will be concluded by the end of the week. **January 27** The investigative committee begins interviewing witnesses and coordinates a plan of action. Roni Bar-On, among other, undergoes January 28 questioning. Since then, 22 witnesses have been summoned. February 18

Netanyahu is questioned under caution.

Arych Den's legal counsel, attorney Dan Avi-Yitzhak, resigns, citing the plethora of allegations egainst his client.

The Investigation enters its fifth week as Labor Secretary-General MK Nissim Zvilli calls for preparations for early elections. Netanyahu hires attorney Ya'acov Weinroth. - Compiled by Uriel Heilman



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is not the time to start talking about or preparing for early elections.

Zvilli convened a meeting of party section heads yesterday to discuss the issue. It was decided to prepare "contingency plans" in case early elections are called. Zvilli stressed that Labor cannot

be caught unprepared if the elections are advanced

Peres suggested that "all party members be patient and not lose the correct view of the situation, 1 resent the attempt to turn a legal issue into a party one. All this talk only damages the issue and the

party." Peres pointedly refused to say whether he will head Labor if the elections are advanced, or whether he would consider a national unity government

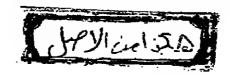
Leadership candidate Barak said, "It is irrelevant to discuss who will lead Labor to elections at this point. Even the internal consultation which Zvilli called is, I think, redundant and damaging."

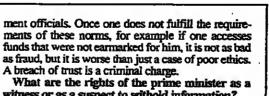
Barak said be hoped, "as a per-son and a citizen, that everything will turn out to be nothing. But 1 admit that day by day it looks increasingly like a thick soup of unprecedented political corruption. The picture emerging before our eyes is horrifying. A prime minister questioned by the police under caution, needing the services of a criminal lawyer, while trying to vilify the police and state prosecutor and accusing them that all their work is slander."

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vitness or as a suspect to withold information? Hazan: Every person has full rights to remain silent. Netanyahu is being interviewed currently in a non-criminal setting so that he can demonstrate his

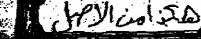
willingness to cooperate. What is the likelihood of this being a criminal case?

incapable of leading a huge government bure occupit administration. Furthermore, 1 don't believe the Arych Den thought he could have been let off of the charges against him without the entire country and the media going into a frenzy, therefore, it is unlikely that the criminal allegations in the Bar-On for Hebron affair will prove true.

Hofnung: The question is how much did the Prime Minister know. If he knew of a plea bargain and looked the other way, he is in big trouble, even if he did not voice support for it. If he arranged the plea bargain deal, then he is guilty of a breach of trust. The allegations could very well lead to a process that would eventually result in new elections for prime minister.

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NEWS **Alleged US army informant** considered moving to Israel

By STEVE RODAN

David Tenenbaum, the US army administrator accused of illegally passing classified information to Israel, has been seeking to make aliya since 1990 and repeatedly urged his Israeli interlocutors to help him settle here. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

-Tenenbaum, a prominent Orthodox Jew in the Detroit area, tried to make aliya in 1990, 1992 and 1996. Tenenbaum tried to get US Army permission to spend a sab-batical at Rafael, the armaments development authority, in 1994, but the Israeli Defense Ministry refused and instead suggested he spend the year at the Technion. At that point, the US Army refused to let him proceed with his plans

In 1995, he struck up a friendship with an Israeli defense representative, Reuven Granot, at a conference in Jerusalem. The two met again when the Israeli was posted to a joint US-Israel program to develop armored protection for light military and civilian vehicles. Granot suggested that Tenenbaum, a biologist by profession. apply for a sabbatical at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Sources close to the investigation said Tenenbaum was an administrator at the joint US-Israeli program responsible for procuring budgets for technology projects with foreign countries. They said he bad no technical knowledge regarding any of the docu-

ments he was said to have kept in his home regarding the Bradley armored vehicle or the patriot missiles.

On February 13, US authorities filed an affidavit in a Detroit court saving Tenenbaum admitted to divulging classified information to Israeli liaison officers assigned 10 a joint tank armament project over the last decade. He listed Granot as one of those who received material.

Israeli sources stressed that they have not found anybody involved in the tank program who had admitted to either soliciting or receiving documents from Tonenhaum. They said Tenenbaum, who is fluent in Hebrew, had a strong affinity with the Israelis, but never discussed documents or

sensitive technological data

"We had been extremely careful not to be seen as aiding or soliciting anything that could be interpreted as industrial espionage in the US," a defense source said. "Our aim has been 10 prevent another episode such as that of Jonathan Pollard more than a decade ago. Sources familiar with the program, at the tank automotive research and development engineering center in Warren, Michigan, said that none of the technology was new 10 Israel and that Rafael was supplying much of the know-how to US engineers on light armament protection.

Sull, the sources said, Israel is sull regarded in the US as the most active country in industrial espionage.

Supreme Court begins to hear Dinitz appeal

By EVELYN GORDON

The Supreme Court began hearing the appeal of former lewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz vesterday, and will continue at a ster date. Dinitz was convicted of billing

some \$6,700 worth of personal expenses to the agency via his personal Syms clothing store credit card, but was acquitted of charging another \$15,400 worth of personal expenses to the agency via

an agency American Express card. The Jerusalcm District Court sentenced him to a NIS 40,000 fine. The state then appealed the partial acquittal while Dinitz appealed the partial conviction. The state also appealed the lightthere.

ness of the sentence: At yesterday's hearing, Dinitz's attorney, Amnon Goldenberg, argued that the lower court erred in concluding that Dinitz intended to commit fraud. All the agency officials in the New York office, to

whom Dinitz submitted the Syms bills, knew they were private bills which Dinitz was supposed to repay, Goldenberg said. The bills were then sent on to Jerusalem with the understanding that the reimbursements would be done

Had Dinitz intended to mislead the agency, Goldenberg argued, he would not have informed ine New York office of the bills' personal nature.

Dinitz cannot be held responsi-

disagrees that sums of money ble for the fact that the Jerusalem office was either not informed of owed the agency by Dinitz were not paid." Goldenberg explained. the bills' personal nature by New York or failed to act upon this information, Goldenberg said.

However, the majority of the witnesses in Dinitz's trial were Goldenberg also argued that employees of these same financial many of the witnesses had a vestdivisions, and therefore had an ed interest in incriminating Dinitz, interest in saying that criminal and said the lower court had not behavior on Dinitz's part, rather given sufficient weight to this fact than their own negligence, was when evaluating their testimony. responsible for these mishaps, he Under any scenario, there were argued.

The hearing will continue at a "serious foul-ups" in the agency's financial divisions, since "no one later date.



in brief

Histadrut passes '97 budget

The Histadrut Parliament passed the labor organization's NIS 337 million 1997 budget yesterday. Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz also announced yesterday that nine of the Histadrut's 10 most highly paid officials have agreed to take a pay cut. Itim

Israel aides Bulgarian Red Cross

The Foreign Ministry sent a ton of medical supplies to the Bulgarian Red Cross yesterday, following requests for uid from the organization. Israel will send a planeload of some 40 tons of David Harris medicines and foodstuffs next month.

Channel 2 Rabin documentary wins bronze

The documentary Seven Days in Norember won a bronze medal in the Special Documentary category at the New York Film Fesuval, the Second Television and Radio Authority announced yesterday. The film, produced and funded jointly by the authority and its three franchisees, documents the murder of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin on November 4, 1995, the mouming and some of the subsequent events of that week. Helen Kave

Three Israel Prize recipients named

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yisrael Tal, Rabbi Avraham Elimelech Firer. and Uzia Galil will be awarded the Israel Prize for life achievement and special contribution to the state and society. Education Minister Zevulun Hanimer announced yesterday.

The selection committee cited Tal's contribution to the state's security and the defense industry, Firer's assistance to the ill and wounded and Galil's contribution to the electronics Jerusolem Post Staff industry.

TWA to ban smoking on flights to US

TWA will on April 1 become the only airline operating in Israel to completely bar smoking on its flights between Israel and the US. The airline said that based on trials in Great Britain. France and Germany, it found that the large majority of its customers preferred that smoking be completely prohibited instead of allowing smoking sections.

At present, the law bars smoking on all flights to and front Israel that take less than two hours. A Transport Ministry committee is currently bearing arguments on the question of whether regulations should be issued barring smoking on all flights to Judy Siegel and from Israel.

Haifa Chemicals talks break down again

By DAVID RUDGE

Negotiations on ending the dispute that has closed the giant Haifa Chemicals factory for over three months broke down again yesterday. Sources close to the talks said the management and Histadrut teams walked out of the meeting after they failed to reach agreement over cutting welfare benefits to the workers.

The breakdown in negotiations once again raised a question mark over the future of the troubled plant. The two other key issues still to

cost-efficient.

The sources stressed, however, that failure to reach an agreement in the coming weeks would not bode well for the future of the factory and its workers.

The turning point, according to the sources, could be reached as early as next Tuesday if no accord is reached in negotiations beforehand. On that date the High Court of Justice is due to hear a petition by the Histadrut against a decision by the National Labor Court to cancel the collective agreement at

the factory. The court earlier issued a tempo rary injunction preventing management from taking any unilateral steps over the collective agreement issue pending the full hearing. The Histadrut says it has secured the agreement of the workers to take cuts in welfare benefits that would save the company hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Jewish leaders: Don't change Law of Return

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In a meeting with Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, yesterday, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Bnrg and US Jewish leaders presented a document in which the agency calls on the government to "abstain from" legislation altering the religious status quo and "not to allow any change in the Law of Return.'

ing all religious streams among world Jewry, expressed concern. to Sharansky, who heads the Ministerial mcommittee. ; on; Diaspora Affairs, that the two i sides do not know each other !

Sharansky agreed there were misunderstanding between the two sides. He said many ministers have "no idea who the Conservative and Reform a Representatives of the Reform and Conservative movements voiced concern about the developing stance among US Jewry toward Israel, and especially toward the current government. in light of the pending legislation. Eric Yoffic, head of the Reform movement in the United States, told the government representatives, "Just as yon ask us to understand the Israeli reality, yon have to understand the reality of US Jewry. In order for us to. remain one people, three million Reform Jews need to know that the government of Israel understands them, knows them, is aware of their problems and con-



By Jerusalem Post Staff



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Reform and Conservative demonstrators demand the right to non-Orthodox conversions in Israel, in a protest yesterday outside the Industry and Trade Ministry in Jerusalem, where Jewish Agency and US Jewish leaders were meeting with Minister Natan Sharanksy on relations between Israel and the Diaspora.

siders them legitimate."

Agency and the government as a Burg concluded the meeting by forum for discussions to achieve proposing the establishment of a a deeper understanding of both a deeper understanding of both joint committee of the Jewish sides and discuss common prob-

lems. You must find a way, through the Knesset and the government, to give this group an opportunity

to present its detailed positions and the ramifications of this law for Jewish communal life in the Diaspora," Burg told Sharansky.

be discussed are likely to be even more difficult to resolve. They are management's demand to cut the 500-strong workforce by 120 people and to increase the number of personal contracts among the remaining employees.

Management insists that it wants to negotiate a new collective agreement with the workers, in the framework of its plans to reorganize the factory and make it more

Management, however, rejected the compromise.

Fertility technique may produce infertile sons

By JUDY SIEGEL

A five-year-old technique that has made thousands of infertile men around the world into fathers is believed to pass on a defective gene that may make their male babies infertile: This potential problem - discovered by Prof. loseph liskovitz, head of gynecol-ogy and obstetrics at Haifa's-Rambani Hospital, and his colleague Dr. Shahar Kol - has aroused much concern and poses serious ethical questions.

The technique, called intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI), is a sophisticated method of in-vitro fertilization developed in Belgium in 1992. It is meant for producing pregnancies in the partners of men whose semen contains almost no sperm or sperm suffering from almost total lack of motility. Reproductive specialists shoot

single sperm into the ova or make lished recently in the New England a bole in the ova's outer layer to facilitate conception. Many thousands of healthy babies have been produced this way, hundreds of them in Israel.

Itskovitz studied 30 male babies born as the result of ISCI and found that three had inherited a defect in the Y chromosome believed to be the cause of their father's infertility. (Girls have only X chromosomes so they are not affected.) The Rambam doctors' study was first mentioned in a letter to the editor in the Britisb

journal The Lancet and shortly afterwards in December in the journal Molecular Human Reproduction.

Then Dr. Jon Pryor, a urologist and cell biologist at the University of Minnesota, conducted a study that bolstered Itskovitz's conchusions by studying the frequency of the genetic defect in 200 men; pub-

Journal of Medicine, it was reported on in The Washington Post late last week and aroused much concem. The problem is apparently most serious when a biopsy of the testes is performed to remove immature sperm directly and inject them into the ovum.

Itskovitz said last night that be would not go so far as to ban ISCI or even to choose for implantation only female embryos produced by the technique. Some of the babies could suffer

from only substandard fertility, but could be helped to impregnate using fertility techniques. Others will be be normal. But it's possible that a genetic defect is being introduced and passed on to humanity by this technique and that without it, men carrying the defect would not have offspring. This is an ethical manner," he said.

There is no registry of ISCI habies in the US, thus complicating the problem. Itskovitz said that the issue should be discussed with couples about to undergo ISCI, and that it

general- to decide. In any case, male children produced by ISCI should be carefully followed over the years to come to determine whether they have a fertility problem and to try to help them, he should be a matter for society in concluded.



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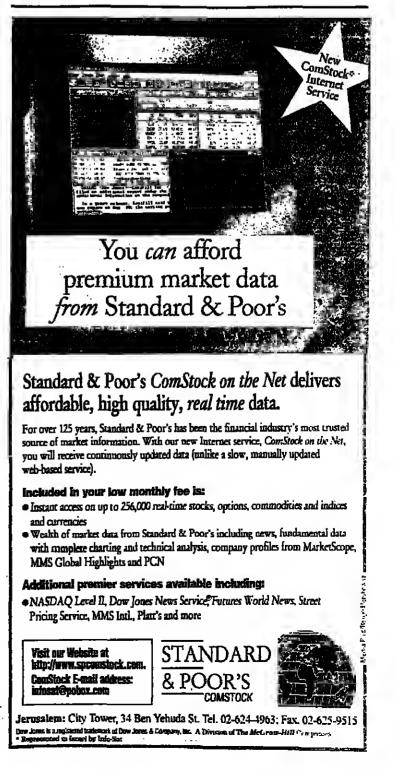
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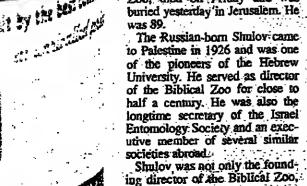
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Eminent zoologist Prof. Aharon but its chief cook and bottle hulov, who was the founding washer. He raised the necessary funds to build it, dealt with the Zoo, died on Friday and was architects, procured the animals and developed the institution. which in 1939 began in a small courtyard at the old Hadassah Hospital in downtown Jerusalcm, then moved to Romema before being relocated recently to Malcha.

Shulov aimed to recreate Noah's Ark. He never quite realized that dream, but did better than Noah, because most of his fourlegged friends were not limited to

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Zoologist Aharon Shulov dies at 89

WORLD NEWS

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120 Hindus die in India fire

News agencies

BHUBANESHWAR, India - At least 120 Hindu devotees were killed and 165 injured yesterday when fire swept through temporary shelters at a religious conference in eastern India, authorities said

The interior secretary of Orissa state, S.C. Hota, said in the state capital Bhubaneshwar that some 15,000 people were attending the conference in Baripada town when the blaze swept through thatched huts crected for the event.

He said strong winds fanned the fire, which broke out at about 3:30 p.m. and swiftly engulfed the camp in Baripada, 220 km north of the state capital. The cause of the fire was not yet

known, Hota said.

Most of the vicunis were men napping after lunch at the national dead many years, but his follow-conference, dedicated to the mem-

ory of the Hindu guru, Swami Nigamananda, Hota said, At least 165 injured were taken

to local hospitals, he said Earlier, the Press Trust of India said some 200 people were feared killed and several hundred injured in the blaze.

rary shelters, Hota said. "So it all burned really fast." Police were still recovering bod-The blaze completely destroyed ies, said Orissa's director general all the straw and thatch huts. Press Trust of India news of police, A.B. Tripathy. Hota said only a few more bodies were likeagency reported eyewitnesses ly to be recovered.

said that the fire started from an Indian news agencies had earlier electric short circuit in the main put the toll at at least 200. The hut and people, most of them poor cause of the blaze had not yet been villagers, panicked and rushed to the exits. Baripada was overwhelmed by Many people may have died in the disaster - the town has only

the stampede, Press Trust said. United News of India said the two fire trucks. The state government ordered doctors from larger cause may have been the explotowns to rush to the site of the sion of a gas cylinder used for cooking. Swami Nigamananda has been

ship his memory and continue to

seek his otherworldly blessing. Organizers had built one huge

for their meetings and as tempo-

The Nigamananda festival has been held in Baripada annually for the last 46 years.

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New hope for Tibet

The exiled Tibetan leader the Dalai Lama greets his disciples at Dharamsala in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh yesterday. The Dalai Lama said China's new leader, Jiang Zemin, could help resolve the Tibetan issue.

China readies for Deng cremation

UN can take Yeltsin Iraqi missile parts recovered'

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BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Iraq has agreed to let the United Nations take scrapped missile engines out of the country for examination, UN arms envoy Rolf Ekeus said yesterday.

The government of Iraq agreed to the removal of remnants of proscribed missile engines from Iraq for in-depth analysis by the commission," Ekeus, chairman of the UN Special Commussion on Iraq (UNSCOM), told reporters in a joint news conference with Iraqi Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Riyad al-Qeisi.

The United Nations wants to establish if scrapped parts are from missing Soviet-made engines as Iraq maintains or are local equipment buried to divert attention from hidden missile engines.

Ekeus arrived in Baghdad and held extensive meetings with Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz during a four-day visit that ended with a joint statement outlining future cooperation.

Ekeus did not say when the approximately 100 scrapped engines and parts packed in boxes at UN headquarters in Baghdad would be removed. He said he intended to take them to laboratories in either the United States or France.

Earlier Iraq had objected to shipping parts to the United States, although it said it would allow inspection in Russia or France.

The components were unearthed in excavations last year. Iraq said it destroyed the missiles in 1992 and Ekeus said unilateral scrapping of banned items by Iraq had compli--cated his work.

He said Iraq claimed to have unilaterally dismantled a large portion of its long-range missiles and production tools. "This you can imag-ine creates a lot of deep concern,"

he said. Ekeus did not say how many missiles he believed were missing but said Iraq could still be concealing equipment.

MOSCOW (AP) - Looking healthy and speaking strongly. President Boris Yeltsin yesterday declared himself ready to take on his foes in Russia's parliament and

tackle the conflict with NATO over its planned expansion. "I am fully recovered, that's it." Yeltsin said after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier outside the Kremlin to mark a holiday honoring the mili-

"You can now say my sickness has passed; now I just need to regain some of my strength," the 66-year-old president said in a rare face-to-face meeting with journal-

Yeltsin said he had lost 26 kilos since heart bypass surgery in November and a bout with double menmonia in January.

He said his recuperation has been slower than he expected, but he's finally getting back on his

feet. "I feel my strength coming back," Yeltsin said. "I'm think-ing clearly and I'm fully aware."

BEIJING (AP) - Police blockaded a cemetery for revolutionary heroes yesterday and kept back hundreds of curious Chinese as soldiers made final preparations for the nation's farewell to Deng

Xiaoping. Deng was to be cremated today. sources at state-run television said. That would be hours before US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives in Beijing on the last stop of a nine-country, 11-day around-the-world tour.

Eulogies praising Deng's exploits and his economic reforms, which raised tens of millions of Chinese from poverty, ran throughout yesterday on government television and other media.

Soldiers, meanwhile, solemnly chearsed carrying a see-through bier at the cemetery for Communist veterans in Babaoshan, western Beijing, where Deng is to be cre-

Police blocked a side road to the cemetery and kept back crowds of about 200 people from its front gate, where a flag flew at half-staff ... At one point, a stream of about eight black limousines sped out of

the cemetery. Deng died Wednesday evening at age 92. Deng's family asked that his ashes be scattered at sea, after a memorial tomorrow attended by-10,000 people. A casket containing Deng's ashes will be covered by the red Communist flag for the memorial, which marks the last day

memorial, which marks the last day of a six-day mourning period. Deng's chosen six-successor, Communist Party Secretary and President Jiang Zemin, is likely to welcome Albright's visit as a chance to higblight international recognition for his leadership. Albright has compressed all her meetings into one day so she can

The report clashed with the picture of unity given by the official Investigators hunt-Atlanta bomb links ATLANTA (Reuter)

Investigators yesterday continued their search for links between a bomb that exploded at a lesbian nightclub and two other unsolved

bomb turned up during the ensuing search.

Officials said the attack was similar to two others in Atlanta - a January double-bombing at an

leave before tomorrow's memorial. No foreigners were invited because

Deng, who retired in 1990, was officially a private citizen with no higher title than "comrade." Hong Kong's Sunday Morning Post said political infighting that some expect to sharpen with Deng's death has begun. The newspaper said Communist hard-liners were circulating a 20,000-word criticism of Deng's policies, in defiance of Jiang's orders.

media, which reported Communist Party officials and military leaders - including veterans who fought beside Deng - rallying around Jiang as the "core" of the post-Deng leadership.

Premier Li Peng and the head of the legislature Qiao Shi - both possible rivals to Jiang - have ecboed pledges Jiang made to carry on

Deng's reforms. Jiang has been quick to claim Deng's mantle. He heads a funeral committee for Deng and will give the memorial speech tomorrow.

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ombings that have shaken the city over the past seven months.

A police cordon sealed off streets for several blocks around The Otherside Lounge as agents from the FBI, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Georgia state police and local law enforcement agencies combed through the neighborhood for pieces of shrapnel and other evidence.

Members of national FBI and ATF response teams arrived from around the country to assist in the investigation of Friday night's blast, and authorities predicted the number of federal agents on the case would reach 100 before today. Early yesterday, police went on alert once again after an anonymous caller phoned a bomb threat into the city fire station that had. responded to the nightclub bombing. A nearby hotel and dozens of businesses were evacuated. Bot no . . .

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abortion clinic and the deadly Centennial Olympic Park bombing last July. Those similarities led a senior FBI official to speculate that investigators could be dealing with a serial bomber.

"The bombings have not been categorically tied together yet. Of course, the last bombing was aimed at an abortion clinic. It's a possibility that this one was motivated by hate," said FB1 spokesman Jay Spadafore.

The nightclub bomb, apparently packed with nails, went off in the rear patio section of the lounge in northeast Atlanta shortly before 10 p.m. Staff said the club, one of Atlanta's few predominantly lesbian bars, was about half full at the time.

Police found a second bomb in a backpack hidden among some bushes in an adjacent parking lot. and detonated the device with a remote-control robot.

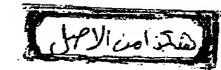
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Sankai Juku:

Western-style dance balls in the

50s. But to the Western world,

Butch means the Japanese dance

form that developed in post-

World War II Japan, and Sankai

Juku is its most famous exponent.

Sankai Juku, making its second

visit to Israel, opens at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center on Thursday with Shijima (The Darkness Colms Down in Space);

a work in seven movements for

five dancers that premiered in

know both man and nature." says

Ushio Amagatsu, creator and lead

dancer of Shijima and of all

Sankai Juku's works since he

founded the company in 1975. Raïsed in Yokosuka, a seaside

Tokyo suburb, Amagatsu studied

"Butch has inside it a passioo to

Paris in 1988.

the dark places By HELEN KAYE emotion "to go beyond body language... to the dark and glowing chaos of primeval existence... We anoh has many meanings in -Japanese. It even covers shape these cries of existence on the trendies who went to

more transstage," as Amagatsu has said. parent In plain language, everything moves. Even a hlink or a breath is "People's experiences connected with the dance. Life differ from doesn't move in quick-step, and generation neither does Butch. to

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Movements are slow, and often tion, repetitive, flowering to extreme physicality from almost imperfrom one individual to anothceptible beginnings. The dancers hold nothing back physically or er." Amagatsu. emotionally. Personally speak-

They seem always to be testing ing, 1 never experithe edges of life and death. enced the war with the change of values But when Hijikata premiered his adaptation of dramatist Yukio that followed it. Mishima's Hidden Colors in which had a profound 1951, says Ran, they nearly ran influence on the first him out of Tokyo and he was generation of Butch expelled from Japan's Modern and the formation and Dance Association. development of post-While Western audiences took

war Jananese idento Butch when Amagatsu took tity. Sankai Juku on its first world tonr "Butob is an in 1980, Ran contends that the art expression form has only recently gained through the true acceptance in its own counbody, and the body draws its

Sankai Juku came here in 1987 powers from and few can have forgotten the dialogue with the sight of the five dancers in white earth and the forces of gravity. body paint, dangling head down, suspended from ropes, and incb-This is not only a Japanese thing. 1 ing their way to the ground from the top of the Tel Aviv Museum think that it has to and the Jerusalem Theater. do with the indi-Early Butch was violent, sensavidual quest for tional. often grotesque.

Dance from of the soul

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And the winners are....

Composers Ari Ben-Shabtai, Itamar Erez and Michael Wolpe will receive the Prime Minister's Prize for Composition at a gala concen of their works on Thursday at the Tel Aviv Conservatory. Ben-Shabtai's many prizewinners include Chromotic Symphony, which won first prize in the Israel Philharmonic competition in 1994. Erezhas previously received a composition prize from the English National Opera. Wolpe. one of the founders of the contemporary music group Caprizma. is composer-in-residence of the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra. Danny Fein and Boaz and Dana Zonshein won the Dan Zakheim Memorial Prize for interdisciplinary art. Fein won for

The Booth and for an as yet untilled work created with the Helen Kove Zonsheins.

Reznik invited to Spain

Violinisi Mirel Reznik, who is as versatile in classical music as he is in folk music, has been invited to perform in Spain. In the single concert which will take place in the royal concert hall of Madrid, Reznik will perform Spanish music by De Falla, popular Spanish and Brazilian tunes and a selection of Jewish gypsy-cum-klezmer violin music. The invitation arrived after the buge success Reznik's latest discs enjoyed in Spain. He



Mirel Reznik continues to perform through Israel with his two most successful programs, Gypsy Jazz Plus and Soul Michoel Ajzenstodt

Seltzer 50th Anniversary

Violin

This coming Saturday at the Tel Aviv University, the Young Philharmonic Orchestra under the baion of Zeev Dorman performs the Lachrymose from the new Requiem composed by Dubi Seltzer and dedicated to the memory of Yitzhak Rabin. This will be the first in a series of worldwide events celebrating the 50 years in which Seltzer has been writing both classical and popular music in Israel and abroad.

Among the events are performances of Stempenvu and Jewish Rhopsody by the English Chamber Orchestra under the baton of the composer, and a multimedia presentation in the US of This Scroll, dedicated to the work of David Ben-Gurion, a presentation which will combine the actual voice of Ben-Gurion.

Michael Ajzensiodi

John Travolta to play 'Clinton'

The much-awaited film version of Joe Klein's best-selling political thriller Primary Colors is set to go into production. British theater star Adrian Lester has been cast as the lead role - civil rights leader Henry Burton's son. Burton works for presidential candidate Jack Stanion, a role allegedly modeled on Bill Clinton. John Travolta will play the presidential candidate and Emma Thompson will star. as his wife. Tom Gross



John Travolta

Brahms riddled with mistakes

New research by a professor of music at Nottingham University in England has revealed that Brahms's works are being played with scores of errors. Prof. Robert Pascall has made an extensive study of the 19th century composer's original manuscripts and found that sloppy work by his printers in Leipzig meant 281 mistakes were incorporated into his first symphony alone. The composer himself was supposedly 100 preoccupied writing later symphonies to notice. Researchers are now combing through the rest of Brahms's works, an exercise

Oedipal hothouse in Perth

schizophrenic adult. played by Geoffrey Rush, ranting nonsensically in the rain; his childhood is shown as memory.1 This method, photographed gothic imagery water dripping from a rusty faucet, fingers crashing on the piano keys - seems to bubble up from David's own increasingly crazed psyche.

combined with frequent slowed ... senting the character from an down, speeded up or crookedly amused distance, as a free-spirited

sections and deals with the difficult questions posed by Helfgott's madness (did his father drive him to it? was it the music?) by suddenly-preeccentric. Now we're asked to view Helfgon as a huggable creative oddball, whose extremely erratic behavior (grabbing the breasts of strange women, trampo-

identity.

both classical and modern ballet before turning to Bntoh, and says that "I established my own company in order to know myself bet-"Bntob comes from the dark places of the soul," says Yori Ran, an Israeli who studied with Kazuo Ono for two years. "It expresses all the subconscious, pulling it into the open." Ono and Tatsumi Hijikata, were

the architects of Butoh in the '50s. They broke with traditional Japanese forms which masked

MOVIE REVIEW

By ADINA HOFFMAN.

Shine is based on the true story of Australian pianist David Helfgott, the son of Helocaust, survivors who moved to Perth and lived there in poverty after the war. SHINE

their every move. When a music teacher recognizes the little boy's talent and offers to work with him, the father chases the man away. (Later, quietly con-ceding his own limitations as musi-'cal mentor, the elder Helfgon gives in and allows the boy to take lessons.) As a tecnager (Noah Taylor), David is offered a chance to study in America and his father

Directed by Scott Hicks. Screenplay by Jan Sardi. Hebrew title: Nitzotzot. 105 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance Very strongly advised. With Geoffrey Rush, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Noah Taylor, Lynn Redgrave, John Gielgad and Googie Withers

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According to Scott Hicks's movie, the boy was raised in a musical and Oedipal hothouse of Mozartian proportions. Helfgott's father, Peter (played with stormy intensity here by Armin Mueller-Stahl), was a manipulative tyrant and frustrated violinist who displayed his love for his children, in particular his son

once a iaid tordigs duid. And od ai on the tug of war goes, until the son is at last old enough and deter-nlined enough to defy his father and accept a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in London. David hasn't, however, managed

to cut loose entirely: the psycho-logical damage caused by his father runs too deep and, as he prepares with his private teacher (John Gielgud) for competition, we see signs that he has begun to crack. His speech has quickened, his physical appearance grown sloppy; be often seems distracted and unaware of his surroundings. Only when he's hunched and swaying over a Rachmanmoff concerto does (Alex Rafalowicz), by controlling he look focused. And even this

Alex Rafalowicz plays the youngest version of Peter Helfgott (Armin Meuller-Stahl) 's troubled son.

concentration is disturbing: it borders on possession. Up to this point, Hicks's direc-tion and Jan Sardi's script have

relied on a splintered, impressionistic style that allows them to flashback and leapfrog years without losing the story's emotional thread. (We first see David as a wilted, half-clothed, possibly

the inside-out theatricality of line-jumping in the buff, dunipu sheet music in the swimming pool) the presentation helps us to empathize with the disturbed isn't troubling but cute, evidence of young hero. The scenes with the his spiritual tenacity. Toward the end of the film, he father also have a rawness and unpredictability that are rare in meets and marries an older woman

such coming-of-age stories. (Lynn Redgrave) who appears to Something, though, goes wrong when David grows up and is insucherish him for his battiness. Her unconditional, almost motherly tutionalized. The falling-off is cer-tainly not the fault of Geoffrey love, it seems, is meant to dictate how we all ought to feel about the Rush, whose drooping lids and constant, muttered hiather are strange genius. Isn't he adorable? This abrupt, hackneyed retreat into poignant in an excruciating way: his monologue suggests the unhinged gibberish of the slave preciousness - influenced, perhaps, by the fact that Helfgon is alive and well and lent his blessing to the film - is more than a little confus-

Lucky in Waiting for Godot. The problem is with Sardi's script, which backs away from the weird interiority of the childhood close to kitsch.

NBC screens 'Schindler's List'

that is expected to take up to 30 years.

Last night marked a first for American network television, as NBC devoted three hours of primetime television to screening Schindler's List without commercial breaks. Thirty million viewers were expected to tune in, joining the 200 million around the world who have already seen Steven Spielberg's black-and-white masterpiece. The broadcast was sponsored by Ford, which agreed that there should be no ads in return for being allowed to show



Toni Gross

Tom Gross Steven Spielberg two discreet 60-second messages before and after the screening.

In love with the violin

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

When he was 16, Pierre Amoyal left his bome and family in Europe and traveled to Los Angeles in order to study with one of the greatest vio-linists of all time, Jascha Heifetz. And the six years he spent in California left a very clear mark ... would have never done it." on the young man, who is now one of the more exciting and

in-demand violinists in

the world.

great legends of our

century," Amoyal says

in a conversation from

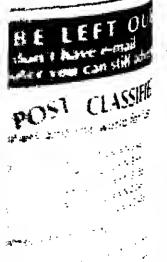
his home in Switzerland. "It was an

unbelievable privilege to be with him Heifetz

was not just a teacher to

me. Actually his spirit is .

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because of Heifetz that he can fully relate to the instrument.

This feeling drove Amoyal to bny a Stradivarius when he was 22 years old. "Everybody told me I was crazy to do it because it was very expensive. Today no one can afford to buy such an instrument. I was very lncky I did it then or I

A decade later, however, his violin was stolen from him whilst in Italy. "It took five years to find it but eventually we beat them. It was found at an Italian antique dealer.".

So if life with Heifetz was so good and beneficial, why did Amoyal stay only six years? "First of all I-had to go to the French army, but I also believe it was time to

still with me and it's a Pierre Amoyal great help. It's like having a great friend travel-

ing with me wherever I go." Heifetz was not an easy teacher and many-students who began working with him left after a few. months. It was hard to stay, and I believe 1 have set a world record by staying with him for six years.". What did Amoyal actually learn

from Heiferz, aside from the obvious technique and style? "He gave me a respect for music which I found is lost among the musicians of this generation. It's very rare today to find musicians who respect the score as he did. Today Amoyal cherishes each and every people nse music to become . npportunity to play in Israel. And famous and the composers are not taken care of."

further gift. He taught him a love First Violin Concerto, one of the of the violin. The way Heifetz epitome romantic works in the actually opened the violin case repertoire, tonight, Wednesday was a real celebration," says and Thursday at the Haifa Amoyal, who believes it is Auditorium.

go on my own. And don't forget that I was separated from my family for quite a long period. Los Angeles in 1968 was not the great city it is today, it was a little dull so I spent all my time with my violin." Amoyal admits that "as an intellectual, the 20th-century music intrigues me much more, it makes

my brain work more. "But I play the violin because I cannot sing. I prefer the romantic

concerti." Born in Paris to a Jewish family. in his forthcoming concerts he joins the Haifa Symphony And Heifeiz gave Amoyal one Orchestra, performing Bruch's

A one-off chance to catch a fine Irishman

By HELEN KAYE

be best off-the-cuff cracks "are the ones you rehearse the most," says Irish actor I Toibin (pronounced Niall Tobeen) from his home in Dublin. He's talking about Smile ond Be o Villain, his one-man cabaret-style show that he'll perform once only, on Thursday at Yad Lebanim in Ra'anana.

Doing a one-man show is a scarifyingly bazardous undertaking," he writes in his best-selling autobiography, also called Smile and Be a Villain. "As the house

lights go down... As the house lights go down... you mumur a prayer and s--t bricks." He performed his first one-man show, *Confusion*, in 1971 and be's been doing them very suc-cessfully all over the world ever since, along with movies, television and theater. It's a shifting of gears "tbat's intentional now because I bate to get stuck in any one of them, but then it was nec-

essary to make a living." He married his wife, Judy, 40 years ago. Their four daughters and one son now live in the US, Australia, Saudi Arabia and Ireland. Reunions are sometimes a problem.

Toibin was born in Cork in 1929. His mother was a telegrapher. His father was a teacher, a staunch Republican and a patriot so committed to the Irish language that he never spoke English unless circumstance forced him.

Toihin writes movingly of his difficult relationship with his father and recalls that their best



Niall Toibin has acted in everything from Shakespeare to Beckett, and now he plans to bring his talent here.

times together were spent garden-

ing. He got his first taste of theater at the drama group of the Gaelic League and at 17 was already hanging about Dublin's famed Reagan, then just an actor, once bought him a Guinness.

He joined the Irish Civil Service but, bitten by the bug. auditioned for and was accepted by the Radio Eireann Players in 1953. He stayed with them for 14 years until the first production of Borstal Boy in 1967, when his

stage career took off. He took the play to Broadway in 1970 where the world is not my true characit won the Tony for Best Play, and ter."

in 1995 performed it again at the Cork Opera House and the Gaiety Theater in Dublin.

ing: it rings false, and brings an

otherwise forceful movie all too

There have been nine productions of the play, which is based on Brendan Behan's autobiography, and Toibin, who even looks like him, has played Behan in all of them.

He'd mei Behan at a party in 1952 and the two men were friends until the playwright's death at 41 in 1964.

"My perception of the character hasn't changed." he says, "but because of distance now from the political events of the times, I've made the emphases different."

Toibin has acled in just about everything from Shakespeare (Claudius in Hamlet) to Beckett (Pozzo in Wolting for Godor), but his favorite role was Andy, a middle-aged lover in Brian Friel's Lovers.

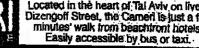
Next month he'll begin shool-ing another season of the BBC TV hit Bollykissangel a comedy drama in which he plays Father McNally, an old-fashioned country priest.

The Israel-Ireland friendship league persuaded Toibin to come Abbey Thealer, where Ronald von his first visit here. Smile and Be a Villain, adapted for the event, will contain excerpts from the book, comedy, stories and poems by some of Toibin's favorite authors such as Seamus Heaney and Irish poet Patrick Cavanaugh.

Why that Hamlet quote for his book and his show?

"Because the face I present to

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puts the prime minister under an unpleasant shadow; however, it is not enough, as demanded by some opposition leaders, to warrant Netanyahu's suspension from office until the invesugation is completed.

If the prime minister were to be charged of a crime of moral turpitude, these calls would make more sense, although The Basic Law: The Government does not require an indicied prime minister, unlike a minister or deputy minister facing charges, to step down. Legally, even if the prime minister is charged and convicted of an offense of moral turpitude, he does not automatically have to resign. However, one fervently hopes that if such a dreadful situatioo ever materialized, the premier of the moment would have the decency to spare the Knesset the need to formally vote him or her out of office. But this talk is premature. At present, the investigation into the Bar-On affair has not reached the point where indictments are being drawn up. Indeed, it is not certain that it will ever reach this stage. The fact that the investigation has captured the media's attention to almost the exclusion of all else does not necessarily mean that there is a raging fire in the Prime Minister's Office producing all the smoke.

What does seem to be clear in this very murky story is that Shas leader Aryeb Deri, who is facing criminal charges in Jerusalem District Court for bribe-taking and breach of trust, is once again at the center of a political scandal. If anyone should suspend himself from political life. it is Deri himself, as Meretz MK Yossi Beilin rightly suggested this weekend.

Deri's fingerprints in this story are everywhere. The Bar-On affair centers on whether Shas promised their cabinet support for the Hehron redeployment on the appointment of Roni Bar-On as anomey-general and whether this support originated in Bar-On's readiness to either provide a plea hargain for Deri or a willingness to organize a pardon for the Shas leader were Deri to be convicted. The prime minister's involvement concerns whether he was aware of, and acquiesced to, the Shas leader's string- the immediate future is bardly promising.

Yitzhak accused Deri of spreading rumors against him and his wife because of Avi-Yitzhak's opposition to Deri's "plan to appoint Bar-On as attorney-general."

Avi-Yitzhak does not publicly detail the reasons why Deri was so keen on Bar-On to replace Michael Ben-Yair, and it is up to the police to discover whether Bar-On, who all except the prime minister and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi saw as completely underqualified for the post of attorney-general, had promised Deri an end to his legal woes, with or without the premier's knowledge and consent. At the time of Bar-On's appointment, most commentators - and this was bad enough - simply felt Netanyahu had betrayed the norms of government by placing a political hack in one of the country's most sensitive legal posts for nothing more sinister than reasons of the govemment's comfort and the desire to have, as attorney-geoeral, "one of us."

The police have pledged to finish their investigation as quickly as possible, and it is vital that they do so, and in a seemly manner. The use of selective leaks brings as little credit to the police and the State Attorney's Office as the questioning under caution of the premier brings to Netanyahu. If, as Channel 1 reported on Friday, Netanyahu disappointed bis investigators by evading their questions last Tuesday, then Commander Sando Mazor, the head of the national police investgative division, should have said so there and then, instead of issuing an anodyne public statement, Alternatively, he could have said the police and the State Anomey's Office are refusing to comment on the affair and ensured that this was the case. To slowly leak out details of the investigation undermines the seriousness of what's at stake.

For now, what is clear is that the political ramifications of the investigation will he significant even if the criminal aspects do not pan out. For Netanyahu, who is already suffering a quarrelsome cahinet on top of backbench criticism from the Land of Israel Front, the forecast for

It wasn't that the media fabri-

the most egregious mistakes by cated any actual false accusations Over the past quarter of a cen-tury, journalists have been quick against Nixon; but they did deal much more gently with - and on occasion even covered up - the to label any third-rate political scandal that has erupted peccadilloes and more serions. "Something-or-othergate," on the actions of Kennedy, Eisenhower pattern of that "mother" of all and the sainted FDR.

Nixon was both an outsider to the establishments that ruled the US, and a paranoiac. Worst of all,

It isn't hard to fathom the media's glee in

YOSEF GOELL

tion to privatize the Broadcasting Authority. He attacked the public prosecuious to quash further investigation of the General Security Service in the Bus 300 affair. The involvement of Aryeb Deri, who has been indicted on

> the Supreme Court, undermining its role as effective guardian of civil rights. Netanyahu should not be surprised, therefore, that when his overweening arrogance and the

tion, and appointed Ya'acov Ne'eman as Justice Minister for the purpose of purging it and the ministry, and with the intention of eventually being able to pack

stupidity and insensitivity of his

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Chickens come home to roost He attacked the media, and frequently reiterated his determina-

Everyone speeds from time to time, but only some are caught." "I was unlucky, then," she said. "I'm not sure. The unlucky one are killed, or maimed." "No one was hurt," she said. "But someone might have been," I countered.

Dina shrugged, encased in her supreme confidence and sense of

again next week. Let's hope it isn't while she's lying on a stretcher, in the back of an ambulance.

The writer is a freelancer based in Kfar Sava.

nantly, that she would have to pay the fine out of her after-tax salary.

She was planning to write to the powers that be to correct this injustice and make traffic fines navable from one's gross salary. This, she said, would make the business equitable to both sides. Jordan Valley. On the way she was caught speeding by a policeman, and fined NIS 750 for traveling at The traffic police? Dina felt they should carefully examine a road. before setting up their traps, because it was quite obvious that some roads weren't dangerous at all - so where was the harm in speeding on them?

Dina was also planning to suggest that the police take a good look at the people they trap. After all, not everyone who speeds is dangerous, or likely to cause an accident.

slammed her handbag down on his All this, Dina emphasized. desk, and perfunctorily rattled off would be easy for the police to determine if they only took the the results of her quality checking. Then she launched into the story trouble to look at the speeder. instead of just brutally writing out

a ticket. At the end of the day, when I left to go bome, I found Dina bent over her computer, deep in thought as she composed a letter to all the authorities she could think of. Somewhere, she told me, was

the person who would save her from this grossly unfair fine. All she had to do was find him.

I had had a problem the whole day controlling my laughter while all this was going on. Finally I realized that I ought to tell Dina a

"Look," I said, "it's all a matter of luck."

What do you mean, luck?" she asked.

being right. She will no doubt be speeding

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HUMAN RIGHTS

Rodan wrote, "During the last few In an effort to prevent the weeks, the Palesunian Authority has orchestrated protests by Palestinian farmers in Area C demonstrations involved unauthorized planting of trees on state land.

While we cannot address all of the cases to which Mr. Rodan may have been referring, we would like to mention a relevant case in which we have been involved. Mr. Rodan's remarks seem to imply that all Palestinian human rights prolests are necessarily orchestrated by the Palesunian National Authority to serve their own political agenda. Our hope is 10 demonstrate that such an assumption is neither productive nor justified and may indeed lead one to construe as political devices what are in fact very real human rights violations,

There has been an ongoing conflict between the Jewish settlers of Sussiya (a West Bank settlement near Hebron) and the Shreilakh family (who live in the nearby town of Yatia) since 1983. The Shreitakhs own a field

Sir, - How unfortunate that Michael Boyden ("Hints of crime and punishment") did not read the columns immediately above and immediately below his biner oped of February 10. Above him was this statement: "No group [in the wake of the helicopier tragedy] should accuse any other: we need to look inward, at ourselves." The columnist below him decried the prejudiced treatment that the haredim receive on the part of the media and the general public.

I am a haredi woman who did on Friday precisely what Boyden says we did not. I left my Shabbat-eve kitchen at midday and attended a fallen soldier's funeral at Mount Herzl. I did not know him or his family, but I wanted to be part of the respect paid to him and the sorrow felt by everyone. Although the family was not a religious one, many men with kippot and many blackclad yeshiva students were present. No one expects credit for being there, but neither should we be attacked for not sharing the

Sir. - On January 24, Steve that borders directly on Sussiya. Shreitakhs from farming their land, settlers fenced off a section of the field and planted trees on it in the fall of 1995. While the assistance of Rabbis for Human Rights and other human rights organizations, the Shreitakhs appealed to the army which confirmed their right to farm the land. Despite this official sanction, when the Shreitakhs attempted to plant their field with their own trees several weeks ago, they were met by protesting settlers. Shreitakhs later returned to find

their trees uprooted. This is indeed a case in which Palestinians and Israelis together took a stand against settler intimi-dation and violations of human rights by planting trees in Area C. And although the settlers claim the Shreitakhs' field as their own, according to the army it was not a case of "unauthorized planong of trees on state land.' ETHAN BUENO DE MESQUITA

Jerusalem.

THIS YEAR'S WHIPPING BOY

sadness Boyden would actually deprive haredim of voting rights! One can understand his binemess. To have losi a son in battle is not an easy burden. But why lash out at the nearest innocent bystanders haredim being this year's whipping boy of choice?

We should not ridicule those who sacrifice material gain for Torah study. Their contribution to the long-term welfare of the Jewish people is profound for they are the preservers of our Torah heritage. Without Torah, we are just like any other people, and if that occurs, we are a lost people and a lost State of Israel. Boyden's worry should be not about those who are preserving the integrity of the Jewish people. but those who are so in thrall of the crass materialism of the West - embodied in shaved heads, sin-

that the very future of our state is threatened. ESTELLE FELDMAN

Jerusalem.

gle earrings and rock festivals -

THE DANISH RECORD

Sir, - The Danish people's resolute refusal to discriminate against their Jewish fellow citizens and to surrender them to the Germans during World War II has now been universally recognized and honored. However, there has been very lit-

tle, if any, acknowledgment of the remarkable fact that Denmark is the only and unique case of a country occupied by the Germans, where the Jewish population did not suffer any material loss of any kind. Unlike in the rest of occupied Europe (and most so-called neutral countries), there was not one single case of any Jewish property. business, bank account or other possessions being confiscated. The Danes even went so far as to make all the morigage payments due on Jewish property while the owners were either in Sweden or in Theresienstadt. They also paid the rent on leased property, and in buildings that were occupied by the Germans, the furniture was removed and safely stored away and returned to the rightful owners after the end of the war.

In the light of increasing revelations of the extent of the collaborauon of so many countries with the Nazis (insofar as profiling from the despoliation of Jewish capital and other possessions is concerned), would it not be appropriate for Israel at this time - on behalf of the Jewish people worldwide - to make some gesture towards the Kingdom of Denmark for this unprecedented display of humanity? JACK PADWA DAVID ISRAEL

Tel Aviv.

THE SABBATEANS

Sir, - 1 have learned that an article was written hy Aubrey Ross about me and Sabbateans in Turkey in your issue of December 1.

Sabbateans in Turkey are under no pressure, face no discrimination from the state and enjoy the same rights as the other citizens. Only some fundamentalists consider Sabbateans as Jews and accuse them of collaborating with Israel. However, the sect is part of Jewish culture and therefore has to be studied in that context.

ILGAZ ZORLU Istanbul.

cent of the affair that brought reporting the nasty details of the Bar-On I hold no brief for Nixon and the gang of crooks be brought in affair the closer it gets to Netanyahu to serve him in the White House. There is no question that Nixon

and his henchmen, including a be was stupid enough to openly crooked attorney-general, were attack and periodically threaten deeply involved in the illegalities the institutions who were on his 'lists of enemies": the media, As a journalist, I am proud of especially TV statioos which the responsible, courageous, and needed renewal of their franchisprofessional job done by the Washington Post and other elees; the universities, which needed federal grants; and the judiciary. ments of the US media in nailing Once Watergate started rolling, thanks to the Washington Post, it Nixon, all the way to an unprecewas members of these establisb-Having said that, I have always ments who took profound pleasure in hounding Nixon to his felt a measure of sympathy for one complaint emitted by the bitter end. Nixon people, which went. "Why

pick on us? After all, previous WHICH brings me to our own presidents and their henchmen case. The appointment of a totalhave been just as guilty of dirty ly unqualified candidate like tricks, and more. Why is the Roni Bar-On as attorney-general media coming down so unfairly was outrageous.

But it was an outrage that differed only in degree, not in kind, from the frenzied appointment in 1985 of Yosef Harish as attorneygeneral by Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir, who were anx-

democracy.

minister Yitzhak, Rabin wbo insisted on keeping Deri on as a cahinet minister, despite the charges against him; it was only the High Court that forced Rabin to demand Deri's resignation.

criminal charges and has been

poisoning our political air for the

past seven years, in the appoint-

ment of the attorney-general may

However, it was former prime

not be illegal. But it is shocking.

Giveo the enormity of the suspicions surrounding the manoer of Bar-On's appointment, our media, starting from Channel 1's Ayala Hasson, have so far evinced fairness and responsibility in the way they have treated the ramifications of the affair. But there is no questioo: One

can detect an increasing sense of pleasure in the reporting of the nasty details, the nearcr the affair approaches Netanyahu himself. And the reason isn't difficult to fathom.

On assuming office close to nine moths ago, Netanyahu, the outsider, made no secret of his antipathy for the establishments that had ruled Israel since 1948.

henchmen tangle him up in messy situations, members of the establishments which have felt deeply threatened by him will take special pleasure in turning the knife.

It should prove interesting to see whether the Likud - which Netanyahu ostensibly heads, but whose leaders and rank and file he has consistently antagonized will rally around him in his hour of need, or abandon him in a lastditch attempt to save the party and their own skins.

Netanyahu's main problem seems to be his misreading of the iotention of the direct election law, meant primarily to provide a clear-cut decision on who would be premier, not to elect a dictator.

Unol we have the laws to rein in any dictatorial tendencies a directly-elected prime minister may exhibit, it is essential that the judiciary, the media, and other insolutions perform that fuoction.

The writer comments on current offairs.

Please – no 'winners' or 'losers'

JEROME M. EPSTEIN

Prime Minister Netanyahu recently showed his ability to make Israel and the Arab world understand the realities and oecessities of coexistence. He influenced the Arabs to compromise, and instructed Israel's own citizens in that art as well.

In recent negociations, neither side got exactly what it wanted, or even expected. Yet almost certainly the new agreements will increase both parties' strength.

Now Netanyahu must use his talents to force coexistence between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jewish communities. Again, there must be no "winner" or "loser."

To succeed, the prime minister must change his mind-set. He must realize that religious pluralism is not just a Diaspora concern. I wish to state that the 3 lt cuts right to the heart of Israel's identity both as a democracy and as a spiritual compass for world Jewry.

If passed, pending legislation in Israel will, in effect, delegitimize more than 85 percent of affiliated Jews in North America. But the consequences for Israel would be far more dire. The law would codify the tyranny of the Orthodox minority over the majority of Israeli citizens, calling into ques-

(even if they are Orthodox). tion Israel's right to call itself a Politics has a role in civilized In a democracy, even the minorsociety, but religion must climb

ity has a voice. But here the entire above the fray. Now we must begin to create a concept of democracy has been complex vision that recognizes the stood on its head: The law man-

Religious pluralism equals respect

daring religious discrimination has been written by the minority, with the majority's needs totally ignored,

Should the legislation pass, Israel nuanced differently in different would have to question its claim to he the center of Jewish life. places. Interdependence can only be fostered in a climate of mutual

Occupying that position demands adherence to Jewish values, which mandate that we judge people by their actions rather than their titles.

If Israel is determined to enact a law to govern conversions, let the process be standardized. Let there be objective criteria - narrow enough to be meaningful, but broad enough to be reasonable --so that all who meet them will have their conversions accepted (even if they are Conservadve or Reform), and all who do not will have their conversions rejected

of Jews throughout the world who might otherwise benefit from its counsel The Ethics of the Fathers calls 50 the age of "counsel." As Israel approaches its 50th year, it must

respect.

provide counsel and advice to all Jews. This it can do only when it has the respect of every Jew; and it

By enacting a law that delegit-

imizes normative Jewish practice

in the Diaspora, Israel would be

discarding an opportunity to affect, enrich and shape the lives

The writer is executive vice-

according it to others.

can earn this respect only by

president of the United Synogogue Conservotive Judaism, the of association of Conservative synagogues in North America.

POSTSCRIPT

RONALD MCDONALD is fed up with the jokes, and he's going to court to do something about it.

"I wish to register a complaint about my name being commandeered by a clown," the retired teacher from Aberdeen. Scotland, said in a letter to the hamhurger McDonald's (no relation). Specifically, he was complaining about the fast-food giant's red-nosed clown, Ronald McDonald.

"The prefix Mc and the name McDonald has been used in Scotland and spread worldwide many centuries before your firm was ever in existence," he wrote. Your name is an insult to millions of Scots."

He said it was McDonald's own court actions that inspired him to battle - he read that the company is trying to force a sandwich shop in England to stop using the name "McMunchies."

real potential of the Israel-Diaspora relationship. Both within Israel and outside it Jewish life is richly textured,



Deng Xiaoping, who died last week, was in declining health last summer when China Central Television broadcast a 12-part documentary about his life, the first episode of which was on view at a Beijing shopping center.

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

sands of years ago, and he rescued the Communist

One measure of the frailty of the Communist Dynas-

riding a bicycle to work each day. Now he is a property

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HEN Deng Xiaoping visited the United States in 1979, the actress Shirley MacLaine told him how impressed she had been oo a visit to China during the Cultural Revolution, when Mr. Deng and countless others had been forced to toil in remote areas and "learn from the peasants." The actress said she had been particularly moved by a scholar working in a field, who had described how much more fulfilling it was to grow tomatoes than to work in a university.

Mr. Deng looked at her and said: "He lied."

It was Mr. Deng's genius to cut through the propaganda and chimera of Maoism, and thereby save Communism in China. His 18-year reign as Chinese Emperor was one of the greatest since the legendary Yellow Emperor who supposedly helped found the oation thouDynasty when it was tottering after Mao's death. But his own departure again leaves the dynasty in fragile shape.

The Communist Dynasty, founded by Mao in 1949, has today largely lost the "mandate of heaven" — the moral authority and popular support or acquiescence that gives it legitimacy and enables it to rule. So China may now be approaching a transition not only of emperors but also of dynasties.

Possibilities Open

This does oot mean that anything much will happen immediately or even in the oext few years. Still, Mr. Deng's death has created a tremendous range of possibilities, from a military coup at one extreme to evolution toward quasi-democracy oo the other. So long as his heart beat, China was vaguely predictable, but now all kinds of things become conceivable. ty is that the name already is a bit of a misnomer, for China Is not a Communist country in any meaningful sense. It is run by a Communist Party, but the principles governing China are not Marxist-Leninist but Market-Leninist. In other words, China is a marriage of a market economy and Leninist dictatorial principles.

China's Communists today care not about Communism but about power. The bottom line is: We'll stay in power, and everything else is oegotiable. There may be more Marxists in New York than in Beijing. "By the end of his life, he saw clearly that it wasn't

"By the end of his life, he saw clearly that it wasn't working" the widow of one of China's top leaders once confided. "But what could he do? Of course he couldn't admit it to anyone but me."

Mr. Deng's own youngest son, Deng Zhifang, demonstrates the path that the best and brightest are taking. An American-trained engineer, he worked for a state-owned company in the 1980's, answering his own telephooe and magnate and international businessman based in China worth tens of millions of dollars. He makes decisions in the same way as any Hong Kong tycoon.

Deng Xiaoping effectively transformed China from an ultra-leftist country to an ultra-rightist country, and today the Communist Dynasty governs not by socialism but by something close to a dictionary definition of fascism. China's underlying dynamic, with its combination of vibrant free enterprise, state-owned companies and authoritarian political system, has little in common with MaoIsm but has great parallels with Franco's Spain or Park Chung Hee's South Korea or Pinochet's Chile.

This arrangement has given China tremendous vitality, but it has not done much for the longevity of the political system, and Mr. Deng's China may some day be remembered the way the world now looks back on

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Second Thoughts About Being Better Off

The Rehabilitation of Morning in America

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

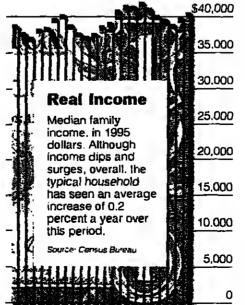
OTHING has so defined the American mood over the last 20 years as economic pessimism. From nearly every quarter came the message that prosperity was in decline and young people would have to adjust to a lower standard of living than their parents'. But now, all of a sudden, the last couple of decades don't look so bad. Recent economic history is being revised. And in the new version, Americans turn out to have been more prosperous than they realized. The children can relax.

The revisionists are multiplying. They appear in the Clinton Administration, in the pronouncements of Joseph E. Stiglitz, the President's just-departed chief economist. They are evident in Congress, in the optimism of Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a liberal Democrat, and Connie Mack, a conservative Republican. They show up on Wall Street, in the bullishness of Felix G. Rohatyn, the investment banker, and in corporate America, in the boosterism of Jerry J. Jasinowski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. And they appear among academics who study and pronounce oo the American condition. From all of them, the new message, though never uniform, is roughly this:

The world's juggernaut economy has turned out to be America's, oot Japan's or Germany's. Those nations went down the wrong road, while Americans — bemoaning their situation every step of the way nevertheless remade their corporations into streamlined global competitors. What's more, living standards, instead of stagnating or deteriorating, rose in ways that are only now being noted. And Americans developed technology with an inventiveness and flexibility not recognized before. "We never realized how much we did in

"We never realized how much we did in the 1980's to restructure American business and capitalize on new technology," said Mr. Rohatyn, who is managing partner at Lazard Freres & Company.

Like Mr. Rohatyn, the revisionists are mainly the well-off and successful. Their views, reflecting their own good fortune, flourish because the present looks good. The nation is six years into an economic expansion, unemployment is low and median family incomes have begun to rise, just as they did at this point in the 1980's expan-



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. The New York Times

sion. But in the seventh year of that expansion, 1990, a recession came that soon made most Americans even more pessimistic. 'That could happen again, deflating the revisionists' line.

For now, there is no talk of the next recession, although one is inevitable. Certainly there is no such talk from the Democrats, who had played a big role in rekindling the pessimism of the early 1990's. After four years in the White House, they have a stake now in the economy's achievements. Mr. Stiglitz, chief author of the 1997 Economic Report of the Presideot, points, for example, to the "promising statistics" suggesting that income inequality, after 20 years, might finally be reversing.

Thanks, Japan

The new economic thinking also gets a boost from Japan and Germany, whose economies seemed so invincible in the 1980's but are caught today in downturns and, in Germany, high unemployment. For the revisionists, these reversals are inevitable results of a mistaken preference in Japan and Germany for government intervention in economic activity. By comparison, they say, America's laissez-faire approach has finally given the United States the upper hand.

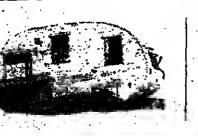
"People had written off the innovative character of American eotrepreneurs and their workers, and they were wrong," Mr. Jasinowski said. "They had emphasized our troubles, the slower economic growth, the downsizing, the uneven distribution of income. These are real issues, but they had gotten out of proportion to the industrial renaissance that has been taking place."

Even the millions who suffer from these real issues appear to be helping re-establish what Mr. Jasinowski considers the right proportions. Expectations have diminished, said Richard T. Curtin, a director of the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center. What Americans accept today as a step up in living standards would have been scorned as piddling 25 years ago.

"It is a little like people are saying, 't am not earning enough to get by, but it is not as bad as it could be,' while in the 60's they thought, 'How good can it get?'" Mr. Curtin said. "When you make that downward change in your standard of judgment, that makes a great deal of dilference in the

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Mobile Homes Move Up Here comes the neighborhood. By Kevin Sack



He's Baaack But new ethics probes may outlast Starr. By Stephen Labaton

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Numbers Don't Fly What counts in halting an airline strike. By Adam Bryant

The Nation

Mobile Homes Go Upscale: One Pet Per Plot, Please

By KEVIN SACK

JONESBORO , Ga. PPARENTLY James Carville has never been to Hunter Ridge. Back in December, when the political strategist was making a fulltime job of defending President Clinton's ethics, Mr. Carville explained away Paula Corbin Jones's sexual harassment charges against Mr. Clinton by saying: "Drag a hundred dollars through a trailer park and there's no telling what you'll find."

But at Humer Ridge, a 10-year-old "manufactured home community" south of Ailanta, a single C-note might not get much attention. Residents are too busy swatting forehands on the lighted tenns courts, swimming laps in the pool, planning parties for the clubhouse and casting a line into the stocked lishing pond.

While the social stigma associated with mobile home living may persist, the true face of the industry is changing radically and rapidly. As baby boomers head for retirement, as disposable income rightens and as real estate becomes a less retiable investment, the country has seen remarkable growth in the number and wealth of people living in mobile homes.

Growing Like Weeds

The Census Bureau reported a 57 percent increase in the number of mobile homes between the censuses in 1980 and 1990, more than quadruple the growth rate for singlefamily houses and multi-unit structures. The country's 7.3 million mobile homes in 1990 represented 7 percent of all housing, up from 5 percent a decade earlier. Industry officials believe a wording change in the 1990 census accounts for some of the change, but they still maintain that the Increase approached 50 percent.

Much of the growth has been here in the South, which had 52 percent of the nation's mobile homes in 1990, according to the census. At that time, Florida had more mobile homes than any other state, and five other Southern states - Texas, North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama - all ranked in the 10p 10.

Chris D. Busky, director of administration and information services for the Manufactured Housing Institute, a national trade association, said that mobile homes represented 61 percent of all new housing in Mississippi in 1996. The figure was 59 percent In Alabama, 38 percent in North Carolina and 26 percent in Georgia.

The demographics of mobile home ownership also have changed. Most residents still have below-average incomes, and many are recent Immigrants. But the Foremost Insurance Company, a provider of insurance for mobile homes, estimates that 15 percent of mobile-home households had annual incomes of more than \$40,000 a year in 1993, up from 2 percent in 1981 and 10 percent in 1990. And there has been an increase in the percentage of mobile home dwellers with college educacollar factory worker buying manufactured homes." Mr. Busky sold. "Now it's professional couples with families. People can't afford \$150,000 homes anymore, and consumers would rather spend their money on other things."

As the demand for mobile homes rises, developers are building sprawling parks like Hunter Ridge that look like upscale apartment complexes. At Hunter Ridge, where all the homes are in muted colors like white. gray and tan, restrictive covenants dictate that residents are limited to one pet per lot. that motor vehicles cannot be repaired within the community, and that lawns must be mowed weekly during growing season (110

The amenitles and regulations seem to moved to a \$15,000, 14- by 50-foot mobile general manager, cannot clear trees from home in Hunter Ridge about seven years ago the red clay fast enough. Since the developinfluence the way that residents think about ment opened in 1987, It has cleared lots in six from a house in nearby Riverdale. "The yard themselves. "I would never live in a trailer park," said John W. Guiton, a 45-year-old was just getting to be too much damn work. phases — first 126 lots, then another 164, then all these amenities, it's like living in \$200,000 trucker who was fishing one recent day at he explained. "This is reasonably inexpenand \$300,000 subdivisions." "Typically it was thought of as a blue-49, then 75, then 102. Now the buildozers are 38 51

Hunter Ridge with his 8-year-old son, Chris, and their talkative parrot, Charlie. "This is a mobile home community. I've got my own mailbox, and there are no speed bumps."

Neat as a Pin

Mr. Guton lived in a house until losing It In a divorce. He said he could afford to buy a house now but prefers to live in his \$22,000 double-wide on a lot that he rents for \$215 a month. "It's just a lot simpler," he said. "I don't want a big mortgage to pay off. If I want some land I can always move my mobile home. And they keep it pretty qulet here. They're pretty fussy."

sive living. I like my neighbors, and in this particular manufactured housing area they do a good job of enforcing their ground rules." As for those who denigrate mobile home dwellers: "To heck with them."

The industry has taken steps to enhance its image, starting with the terminology. "lostead of 'mobile homes,' it's 'manufactured homes." " said Donata J. Blanks, manager of Jonesboro's Tara Manufactured Home Community, which had been Tara Mobile Home-Park until Ms. Blanks took over last year. "'Sales lots' are now 'retail centers.' 'Double-wides' are 'multi-section units.' We're trying to get away from the 'trailer park,' 'trailer trash,' that kind of thing.'

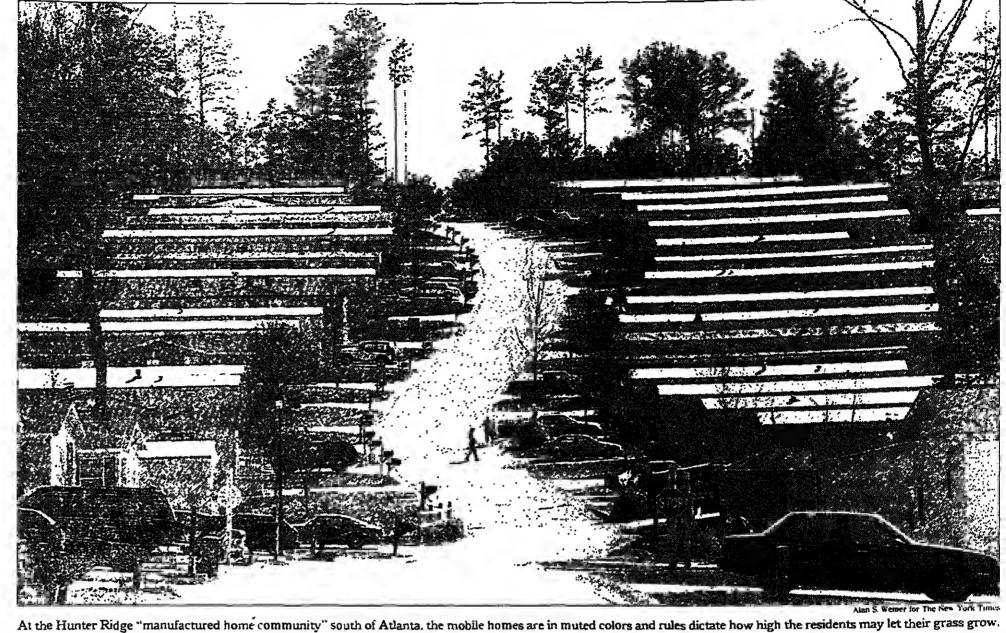
At Hunter Ridge, Wallace G. Gibson, the Bartow Fisk, a 70-year-old widower. less than three inches from ground level).

making way for another 115.

And newer mobile homes have become safer. Their image was never helped when they blew apart or washed away in a natural disaster. But after Hurricane Andrew caused widespread destruction in Florida, the Federal Government Imposed new construction standards in 1994 to make mobile home walls, roofs, windows and doors sturdier.

The quality of the homes has improved as well, "You would not believe the new homes," Mr. Gibson said. "They just have all the amenities you would find in a large conventional home with Jacuzzl tubs, skylights, vaulted ceilings, ceramic tile, intercom systems.

"There was a stigma about manufactured homes when they were called trallers and mobile homes. People didn't want to say that's where they lived. But if you give them



Tara Manufactured Home Community, near Hunter Ridge in Jonesborg, Ga., has been Bonnie A. Hunt's home for 12 years. More crowded lots, center and right, are at the Manhattan Trailer Court in North Bergen, N.J.

Regardless of Counsel, Clinton's Woes Go On

By STEPHEN LABATON

WASHINGTON S Kenneth W. Starr wavered between the Whitewater independent counsel's office and a university campus in Malibu last week, a new scandal was emerging that has compelled even some Democrats to call for yet another special prosecutor.

Early in the week, White House aides could barely contain their elation over the announcement that Mr. Starr would leave in August to become a dean at Pepperdine University. Why would he leave if President Clinton or his wife were about to be charged? By Friday, reeling under criticism that he was abandoning an uncompleted investigation, Mr. Starr agreed to stay on indefinitely.

Regardless of the future of the Whitewater investigation, revelations about fund-raising improprieties by the Democratic Party and the White House have become virtually a daily occurrence. Last week some Democrats contemplated the need for a special prosecutor to look into questionable campaign financing. Since Mr. Clinton became Presi-

dent, fully four independent coursels have been appointed to investigate. him and his cabinet.

"Citizens are apprehensive and very suspicious," said Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihon of New York. who on Thursday became the first Democrat in the Senate to call for an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund-raising "They feel they will get answers from an independent counsel that they wouldn't get from others."

Even without an independent counsel, new information and issues are piling up daily, and the White House and the President's advisers face many months of other investigations into party fund-ruising.

Just three days before the startling announcement of Mr. Starr's resignation - an announcement at just as starilingly reversed by Friday - the White House released documents showing that foreign policy advisers to Mr. Clinton and Vice President Al Gore had repeatedly issued warnings against maintaining ties and granting access to several Asian-American fund-raisers and donors seeking influence.

Since then, the Justice Department and Congressional investiga-

tions have begun to focus on whether announced that it is examining a Democratic Party fund-raisers were used by the Chinese Government to make secret donations.

The Office of Special Counsel, a Federal agency that monitors whether Government officials improperty crossed the legal line that is supposed to keep them out of fund-raising and other political activities, has

number of current and former top Clinton aides to determine whether they violated the law. Among them are former deputy chief of staff Harold M. Ickes and Alexis M. Herman, whose nomination as Labor Secretary has stalled because of her oflice's role in setting up the White

House collees in which Mr. Clinton



Kenneth W. Starr at a news conference last Wednesday.

entertained, among others, a twiceconvicted felon with ties to organized crime, and the head of one of China's major arms-trading companies.

And by week's end, the Democratic National Committee acknowledged that it would be returning many more donations from Asian-American sources after an internal audit was unable to verify the monev's origins.

Also last week, prosecutors moved to delay the sentencing of James B. McDougal. Since his convictioo, Mr, Clinton's former business partner is said to have changed his testimony and now maintains that as Governor, Mr. Clinton participated in an effort to obtain an illegal \$300,000 Federally backed loan, \$50,000 of which paid for expenses in the Whitewater Development venture.

Mr. Clinton testified at Mr. McDougal's trial that he never knew anything about the loan, which was issued by David Hale, who ran a Federally backed investment company, to Susan McDougal, Mr. McDougal's wife at the time.

Together, Mr. Hale and Mr. McDougal have been convicted of 20 felony counts.

Throughout the savings-and-loan

crisis, aggressive prosecutors have used people like Mr. Hale and Mr. McDougal to get convictions. But prosecutors also acknowledge that in the case of the President or his wife, the standard of proof is higher, and that the testimony of two felons alone would not be enough to meet it.

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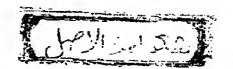
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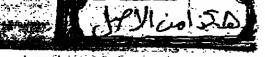
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Mr. Starr and his aides dismissed the notion that his announced departure had anything to do with the status of the investigation, which they said had reached a "sensitive stage.'

But some friends also describe Mr. Starr as being frustrated that the inquiry has been set back by witnesses like Mrs. McDougal, who has refused to cooperate and provide information essential to determining whether the Clintons have tesufied truthfully.

After two and a half years at the helm, Mr. Starr has won more than a dozen convictions ranging from obscure Arkansas businessmen to Webster L. Hubbell, once one of the most powerful officials at the Justice Department. Some who survived those investigations are now re-hiring defense lawyers as they prepare for the new wave of inquiries into the 1996 campaign.





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An American Airlines pilot returned to work at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Feb. 15 after President Clinton stopped the pilots' strike with a 60-day "cooling off" period.

Maybe a Strike Wouldn't Have Cost That Much

By ADAM BRYANT

ERHAPS it was a political no-brainer for President Clinton to intervene last week and halt the pilots' strike at American Airlines.

As George Stephanopoulos, a former senior White House adviser, explained on "Nightline" just before the pilots' strike deadline, "Despite all the highfalutin theory about getting involved in labor and management disputes, when all of the people in the country who are inconvenienced by this can say, 'The President could have prevented it and be didn't,' I don't think that's a price he wants to pay."

But some of those highfalutin theories deserve a second look

Mr. Clinton said he based his decision on economics, arguing that the potential damage of the strike met the test of the 1926 Railway Labor Act: that a labor dispute "threatens substantially to interrupt interstate commerce to a degree such as to deprive any section of the country of essential transportation service."

- This was no small decision, Lyndon Johnson was the last President to use the powers of the act, when machinists struck several airlines in 1966.

Invoking the act will inevitably alter the rhythms of labor negotiations at other major airlines in coming

.But those concerns were apparently outweighed by the potential-impact of a strike: according to a widely quoted study by the United States Department of Transportation, a walkout by the pilots at American would have cost the economy up to \$200 million a day, and possibly stranded 43,000 travelers.

Where did these numbers come from? Before the strike deadline, the department gave the total figures to the public but not the math that produced the totals. The

agency said that its economic assumptions were intended only for Federal mediators and the President.

But the report, which was obtained by The New York Times, shows that some of the Government's totals are as shaky as a fold-down tray on a commuter plane_

Funny Numbers

For example, the estimate of 43,000 stranded passengers "does not reflect at least three significant factors that could mitigate the impact," the report says. Other airlines might add service in places like Miami and Dallas where American is dominant; many passengers might postpone or cancel their travel plans; and many travelers might switch their tickets to other airlines in anticipation of a strike.

So given the certainty that all these things would occur or had already happened, why was the publicized total so high?

For all the potential ripple effect of a strike particularly in the Caribbean, where American is the dominant carrier --- the \$200 million figure also seems high

Consider that American Airlines' own doomsday study, intended to persuade the White House to intervene, estimated that the economic impact - touching everyone from proprietors of a dry cleaner in suburban Dallas to Chilean salmon producers to waitresses in Jamaica would be \$83 million a day.

... And for context, consider that \$200 million represents the daily total of passenger revenues of the entire United States airline industry (American's market share is about 20 percent).

The Government's calculations even included the potential loss to sbareholders of AMR Corporation, American's parent, who might not get a dividend this quarter in the event of a strike. Not that anyone was expecting a payout in the first place - shareholders have not seen a dividend from the company since 1980.

"The true economic loss to society is much too small to provide an explanation, for Clinton's intervention," said Clifford Winston, an economist at the Brookings Institution who has written extensively about the airline industry, "It's ridiculous."

Perhaps the Transportation Department heard so

The Government's official estimate was \$200 million a day. But more than money was at stake.

few challenges to its estimates of dollars lost and passengers stranded because its figures felt right, considering the outsized attention and interest the airline industry generates,

The airline business has become a kind of national spectator sport: roughly nine major teams with distinctive uniforms and personalities that often reflect the forceful characters of their head coaches, like Robert L. Crandall, the chief executive at American.

Few businesses can offer the kind of entertaining highlight film like that of the pilots' strike chalrman, Matthew Field, on CNN announcing Operation Fire at Will: "What I do now, I do without reservation or hesitation. What I do now is for the pllots of American Airlines and their families. What I do now is for all professional aviators."

And the crowd cheers when fares go on sale. Then, like true New York sports fans, travelers immediately start grumbling - there's no real deal here, it's impossible to get through to book a flight.

This is an industry that all Americans think they understand, so they can play armchair quarterback on what's wrong with it and how to fix it.

"Once you've been a passenger, you've been knighted as a pundit," said David A. Swierenga, chief economist at the Air Transport Association, the major airlines' trade group.

Mr. Clinton has not flown on a commercial flight for some time, but he too knows something about voters' interest in the airline industry. He scored several political points in 1993, for example, by nudging American and its flight attendants to settle their dispute and get thousands of travelers bome for Thanksgiving.

Clinton's Calculation

He also learned an important lesson earlier that year, after he parked Air Force One on the tarmac at Los Angeles International Airport to get his hair trimmed. Although airport records later showed that not a single flight was delayed, It was widely reported at the time that several airplanes were held up as his stylist combed and clipped, turning Mr. Clinton's haircut into a public relations buzzcut.

Since then, the President has made a big effort to improve his image and his poll numbers. So even if the Transportation Department's math isn't solid, Mr. Clinton's calculations are: 9,300 American Airlines pilots versus thousands of stranded passengers and millions of armchair quarterbacks. No contest.

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Giving Terror the Silent Treatment

Out of Sight . . .

By ELAINE SCIOLINO

WASHINGTON terrorists lose the power to terrorize when they fade from public view?

By definition, terrorists manipulate the public, usually with . acts of outrage. So it stands to reason that they seek a high public profile. Italy's Red Brigades, for example, regularly issued their ponderous communiqués on Wednesdays and Saturdays to get the maximum play in Italy's newspapers, which are fattest on Thursdays and Sundays.

Governments, on the other hand, have long struggled to deprive the terrorist of center stage. Probably the best example in a long time is that of Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook, the wealthy Palestinian businessman whom Israel and the Americans describe as the leader of the Palestinian movement Hamas.

Having been arrested in tha United States, and having now fought for a year and a half against extradition to Israel to face terror charges, Mr. Abu Marzook has suddenly decided that he can no longer bear solltary confinement in a Federal lockup in Manhattan. So last month he called the Israelis' bluff and dared them to extradite him.

That created a commerum. Mr. Abu Marzook is getting a lot less attention languishing in an American jail than he would get if he were on trial in Israel. And Israel, in the last year and a half, has begun to take a considerably different view of the threat posed by Mr. Abu Marzook's associates in Hamas, who have been marginalized - at least for now - by a peace process moving forward without them.

Hamas, indeed, has been quiet ever since its terrorist bombings last March left scores of Israelis dead, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahn doesn't want to stir up trouble with a dramatic trial of Mr. Abu Marzook. Neither does Yasir Arafat. the Palestinian leader, who has asked the United States to keep Mr. Abu Marzook away.

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Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook in a visitor room in jail.

Complicating any prosecution is the absence of bard evidence definitively linking Mr. Abu Marzook to a specific terrorist act, though he funneled huge sums of money to Hamas and ran its Politburo.

So the United States, Israel and Jordan are negotiating a deal that could allow him to take up residence in Jordan or perhaps elsewhere in exchange for his promise to stay out of politics - in other words, to keep the same low profile that seems to have made him so frustrated in New York. President Clinton and Mr. Netanyahu

are so determined to play down the importance of Mr. Abo Marzook that they claimed his status never even came up in their meeting in the Oval Office several days ago. The low-key approach is a stark contrast to the denunclations Mr. Clinton issued 11 months ago, at a 29-country anti-

terrorism summit convened in Egypt in the wake of the Hamas bombings. But perhaps all that has changed is how much attention the Israelis and Americans want to focus on Hamas. They still seem determined to cut its funding; that is why Mr. Abu Marzook was arrested in the first place. But they also now seem disposed to ignore Hamas publicly, on the theory that denouncing it gives it what it wants most: attention.

As for Mr. Netanyahu, it is hard to believe this is the man who became a fixture on American television in the 1980's with his absolutist stand on never negotiating with terrorists.

That, however, was when he was a spokesman and critic, not a leader. Now, as Prime Minister, Mr. Netanyahu does not want to risk another terrorist war by putting a Hamas leader on trial just weeks after Israel and the Palestinians finalized an agreement over the governing of Hebron.

"To some extent terrorists have the power we grant them - if we give them our attention, if our political choices are hostage to them," said the Middle East expert Fouad Ajami, of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. "Netanyahu doesn't want to look into the darkness again. Arafat doesn't want to be

seen as the enforcer of Israel's policies. The terror trail ends not with a bang but with a whimper."

In Peru, President Alberto Fujimori also has been struggling for more than two months with how best to marginalize the Cuban-inspired guer rillas holding scores of diplomats and Peruvian officials bostage in the Japanese ambassador's mansion in Lima. He has refused to meet the guerrillas' demands to release their comrades from prison. His decision to replace the officials who are held bostage signaled everyone not to expect a quick resolution of the crisis.

But he has been willing to negotiate the guerrillas' safe passage out of Peru to a third country - if they release their hostages. It is not unlike what the Israelis are willing to give Mr. Abu Marzook.

The Rehabilitation of Morning in America

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national outlook."

The shift in expectations began in the 1973 oil crisis, with its gas lines and new sense of vulnerability. Rising fuel prices, the severe mid-1970's recession, Japan's inroads into American markets and high inflation all contributed to what President Carter first characterized in the late 1970's as the "malaise" settling on the country.

Resisting such pessimism, Americans elected Ronald Reagan, with his morning-in-America message. But the onslaught continued. The 1981-82 recession was the worst downturn since the Depression. Heavy manufacturing was devastated, the layoffs massive. The air traffic controllers' strike marked an accelerating deterioration of union bargaining power. Mergers and downsizing made job insecurity commonplace. And wage inequality became, in the 1980's, a national characteristic as the less skilled, less educated lost ground to the college trained. Even the skilled often found themselves failing behind sometimes.

Redistribution

"We have redistributed an incredible amount of income and wealth without managing to raise the living standards of most Americans," said Lawrence Mishel, an economist at the Economic Policy Institute.

Without chaltenging that statement, Rob-ert M. Solow, the Nobel laureate in economics, said that the American economy has turned out to be the best in the industrial world and that has offered breathing space to solve the nation's problems. "There is plenty of trouble at the bottom," he said, "but you don't have to worry about the Titanic going down. There isn's an iceberg. You have plenty of time to fix the deck chairs."

If they are very broken. Neither Mr. Mack nor Mr. Moynihan, leaders in Congress on economic issues, thinks they are. For Mr. Mack, the 1980's were years of robust economic growth, unrecognized by the Democrats until now. And for Mr. Moynihan, the groundwork laid in the 1980's and 1990's is paying off. "There is a reward for good behavior," he said, "but perceptions lag. It takes time for a culture that was deeply pessimistic about the future and deeply anxious about the present during the cold war to come out of that."

The main misperceptions, in the eyes of the revisionists, involve productivity and wages. Steady improvements in productivily, or output per worker, are essential for

robust economic growth. The Government's productivity statistics, however, say the improvement has been anemic - a finding most economists endorse and most revisionists reject. How can the data be accurate, says Mr. Jasmowski, when corporate Amer-Ica is performing so well? "It is hard to find an industry," he said, "where we are not equal to or better than our competitors."

The other misperception involves wages and salaries. By most measures - family income and hourly earnings, for example they stopped rising in the early 1970's, except for brief spurts upward in the late 1980's and again very recently. But measuring incomes involves measuring inflation. Stagnant wages in the national statistics mean wages have failed to rise faster than inflation. A 3 percent raise today comes out zero, once statisticians subtract the current annual inflation rate of 3 percent, according to the Consumer Price Index. But inflation is overstated, many revisionists insist, and as Exhibit A they cite the recent report of a commission of economists appointed by the Senate Finance Committee, mostly at Mr. Movnihan's insugation.

The commission concluded that the C.P.I. has been overstating inflation by 1.1 percentage points - that the real annual inflation rate today, for example, is not 3 percent but 1.9 percent, which means the 3 percent raise represents not stagnation but a 1.1 percent increase, and since 1973 such gains have gone unrecorded. Accepting that conclusio means accepting a more subjective standard of measuring the cost of living.

Better Every Day

What the statistics fail to reflect sufficiently are quality improvements, the commission concluded. An automaker adds \$50 to a car's price to cover the cost of a better antirust paint. That extra cost should not have counted as a rise in the inflation rate, or at least not as much of a rise as the Bureau of Labor Statistics calculates when it totes up the Consumer Price Index. Indeed, Americans for 20 years have been enjoying better cars, better medical care, fancier houses and more powerful computers, never realizing, the revisionists argue, that their living standards were rising.

But that raises the income inequality problem again, says Joel Popkin, a former chief of the bureau's C.P.I. division. "We have to consider," he said, "that, while the quality of goods and services may be rising, this new living standard is beyond the reach of an increasing proportion of Americans."

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The World

The Communist Dynasty Had Its Run. Now What?

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Franco's Spain. The problem is that Market-Leninism seems to be an inherently unstable concept, for the market eats away at the Leninism.

It may seem odd to speak of Chica's leaders today as emperors, but that historical lens is probably the most useful in explaining their behavior. China's Communists initially rebeiled against history, but they soon fell into traditional patterns, and Mr. Deng's role could not possibly be explained by his formal positions. At their peak he was Deputy Prime Minister, and for the last seven years he held no title loftier than Honorary Chairman of the China Bridge Association. In fact, of course, he was Emperor, and it was a title he could not have given up had he wanted to.

Throughout history, Chinese have noted a "dynastic cycle." The first emperor is a strong-willed geoeral or peasant rebel who seizes power and imposes far-reaching changes, but he is followed by rulers who are steadily weaker. The dynasty's moral authority sags under the burden of taxes, corruption and ineptitude, and a new leader emerges to found a new dynasty.

A 'Melon-Head'

Mao was a classic dynastic founder, and Mr. Deng was a strong ruler too. But Jiang Zemin, the stocky, bespectacled and totally uncharismatic "weather vane" whom Mr. Deng picked in 1989 to be the next emperor, is almost immediately recognizable as the kind of emperor who belongs at the tail end of a dynastic cycle - if he

who belongs at the tail end of a dynastic cycle — If he becomes any kind of emperor at all. Prime Minister Li Peng Is even less the type to inspire the Mandate of Heaven. Intensely unpopular and widely ridiculed for his authoritarian and awkward style, denounced even by his mother, he is a lightning-rod for jokes about the regime. In one, a worker is arrested for shouting "Li Peng is a melon-head" and is secteoced to 20 years in prison — 5 for counter-revolutionary crimes and 15 for revealing state secrets.

Mao was an avid reader of history and was acutely aware of the problem of the dynastic cycle. In July 1946, when he was still a gaunt guerrilla leader, he was visited by Huang Yanpei, a prominent scholar, who noted: "Dynasties begin with a surge of vigor, and then decay and disintegrate. Has the Communist Party found a way to break this vicious cycle?" Mao beamed: "We've found

a way. It's called democracy." Perhaps that would have worked, but Mao and Mr. Deng both refused to try real democracy (and, of course, Man meant proletarian democracy rather than any kind of Western approach). It is a great pity, because in China the Communist Party was unusually compatible with democracy, for the simple reason that the party was much more popular with ordinary people than in most Communist countries. In Poland, the party would have lost a pleblscite. But in China, the Communist Party could have counted on the peasantry and perhaps won a free multi-party election. Even today, it perhaps could. Mr. Deng had broad legitimacy, especially in the

early 1980's, because of his decades organizing the Communist revolution and his later years freeing the economy. But Mr. Jiang lacks that kind of legitimacy, and there is oo legitimating institutioo or mechanism, such as elections, to grant him that authority. Among the greatest burdens for the Communist

China's basic principles aren't Marxist-Leninist any longer. This is Market-Leninism. And the market is eating away at the Leninism. Hong Kong will sever to Chinese control in July

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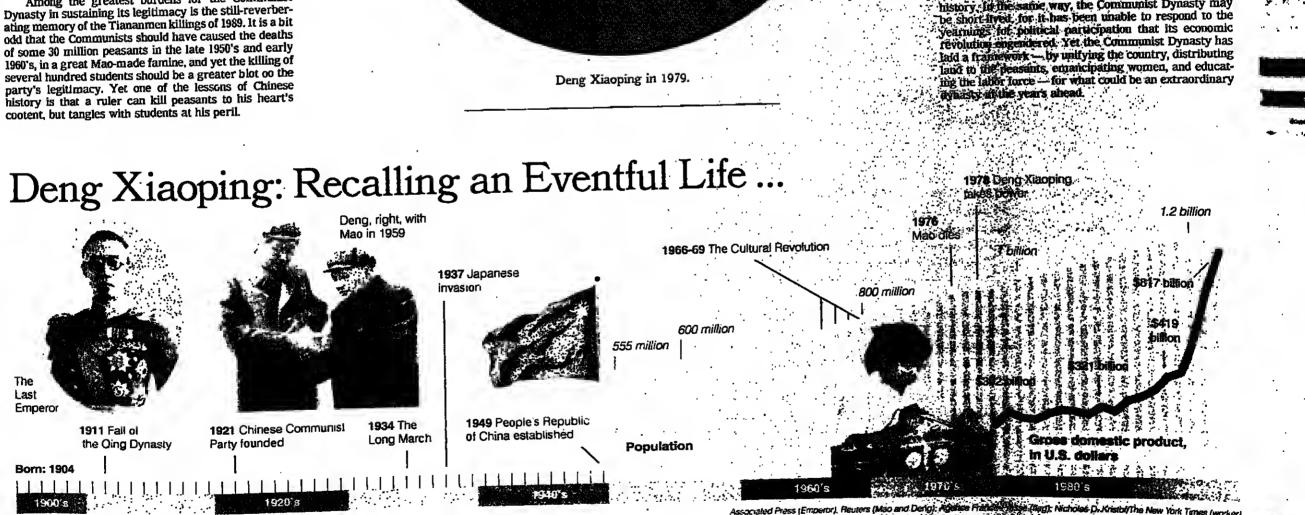
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So what will the next dynasty be like? The bleakest shills is national fragmentation, even civil war, for that also seens an extremely remote possibility. In Tibet that also seems an extremely remote possibility. In the and Xinffaig, local people may mount insurrections against Chinese rule, but that is difficult to imagine in the main parts of China. The Cantonese in the south, who prosperies in the Deng era; may complain all the time about the Meanpetent and corrupt weasels in the north, but it is allowst unimaginable that they would shed their blood to prove the point.

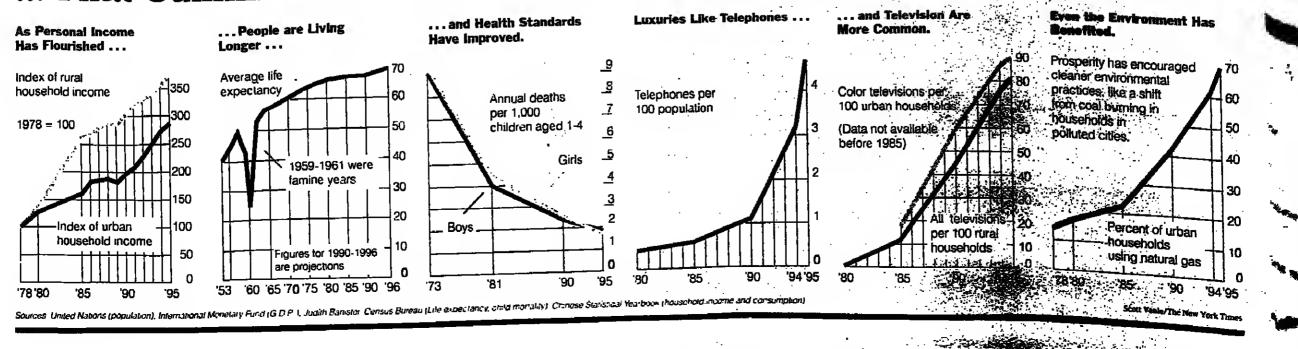
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Another, possibility is a military coup, for with Mr. Dehr's passing it is now the People's Liberation Army that hude illimate power. Often in developing countries file passing of a powerful leader has been followed by a coup, and Ma. Jiang seems very aware of the risks. Yee Mitcher possibility, perhaps the most likely, is the bird of a powerful evolution that occurred in Spain. cours find Mc. Jiang seems, very aware of the finds. Yet, Mitcher possibility, periaps the most likely, is the kind if gradual evolution that occurred in Spain, South Koney and Chile, R may be slower yet, and there may even be new maintactes ahead, but the 'second revolution' that Mr. Deng instigated is creating the middle cluster and rising income and education levels that in other officiates have been associated eventually with arithwing Buralism, tolerance and even democracy. China liready bits economic, and cultural pluralism, and politi-cal pluralism may gradually emerge as well. The typasty most like the Communist one in Chinese history was the Qin, founded in 221 B.C. by a ruthless emperor much like Mao. The first Qin emperor unified China, created the Great Wall, and modernized the country if bindreds of ways, yet he also burned books and buries actual aine, His dynasty was very short, effiring some and ynasty, a golden eta of Chinese history for the same way, the Communist Dynasty may be short lived, for it has been unable to respond to the

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... That Culminated in an Economic Revolution





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A Shaken Prudential Aims to Expand Past Insurance

By JOSEPH B. TREASTER

DA AND BILL WELLS had a time when they were settling into retirement, and thinking of cutting back on their life insurance, a Pru-dential agent saddled them with a new policy that he promised would virtually pay for itself.

discovered that they had been deceived by the agent, who had arranged a loan to pay for the new and annual premiums of \$1,800 several times what they had been paying - the Wellses, of New York City, joined legions of aggrieved Prudential customers taking legal

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tional downgrades. NEWARK While Prudential's ratings are still at the high end of the scale, they provide an unflattering comparison been loyal customers of the Prudential Insurance with competitors like John Hancock, Company of America for most of their lives. But at Northwestern Mutual and New York Life, which remain at the absolute top, and sales of insurance and pension plans have suffered. Moreover, each tick downward has meant a tick upward in the cost of borrowing. But Mr. Ryan knew what he was in

After a few years, they said, they policy. Facing rising debt on the loan worker from headquarters must review the policy directly with the cliaction against the insurer that once ed one of the most trusted bought.

This costly dispute, involving nearly 11 million policies, is merely the latest woe for a company that has been bombarded by calamities in recent years and was finally forced to put an outsider in charge for the first time since it was found-

For two years, Arthur F. Ryan, an outsider recruited from Chase Manhattan Bank, has been struggling to turn the Newark, N.J.-based company around after a loss in 1994 of more than \$900 million. Not only is be. trying to restore Prudential's reputation, but he faces an even greater challenge in bringing cohesion to a jumbled empire that once seemed to resemble nothing so much as the warring fiels of medieval Europe.

Though revenues have been flat division had concentrated too heavily in hurricane zones and was stagfor two years at about \$30 billion, Mr. Ryan has put Prudential back in the gered by enormous claims. Its big corporate health care business was black through cost-cutting and profitable sales of securities and other being outmaneuvered by more nimassets. Earnings for 1996 are estible competitors in important marmated at roughly \$1 billion, up from kets across the country. And shortly before the insurance complaints be-\$478 million in 1995.

But whether Mr. Ryan, 54, can gan coming to the surface like longimprove operating performance and buried land mines, Prudential's serestore prosperity to the nation's curities subsidiary paid \$1.5 billioo largest insurer, with almost 50 mil- in fines, compensation and legal lion customers and nearly \$180; bil- costs for misleading cbents - many lion in assets, remains in doubt.

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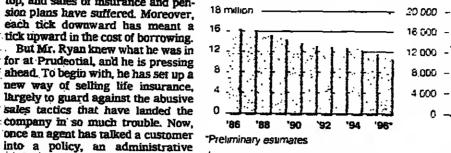
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A Little Progress in the Numbers PRUDENTIAL'S MAIN FORCING IT TO

BUSINESS IS SHRINKING

Number of life insurance policies sold by all companies in the U.S.

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in the company auditorium. And be ent, making sure that he or she unhad never had anything to do with derstands precisely what is being insurance. As Prudential's board saw it, he was exactly what the com-Just as important, the life insurpany needed. ance business, upon which Prudential's image as the Rock of Gibraltar

'Here was someone with a new approach who could make the reforms," said William H. Gray 3d, the former Representative from Pennsylvania who is a Prudential board member in addition to heading the United Negro College Fund.

Burton Malkiel, a professor at Princeton University and former member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, was on the board's search committee. He found Mr. Ryan to be "extremely bright, extremely decisive."

has been steadily losing appeal to So Mr. Ryan set to work. No long-Americans far more interested in er, be decreed, was Prudeotial to be investing in the booming stock marfirst and foremost a life insurance ket for a more comfortable retirecompany, with anything else regarded as a distant afterthought. He had been watching the revolution that had catapulted the Fidelity mutual funds to the top of the beap of the country's money managers and had transformed banks into financial powerhouses again, while seemingly leaving life insurance as something your father recalled with nostalgia.

"I doo't want to communicate that insurance is less important," Mr. Ryan said in a conversation the other day at Prudeotial's white marble headquarters here, "but that money management is equally important." of them elderly, with modest nest

One of his first big changes was to consolidate a handful of sometimes competing investment units under a single umbrella with more than \$193 billioo under managemeot. Money management for individuals and institutions - in contrast to investing premiums, as insurance companies have always done - was a crucial business. part of his vision, and he told his executives to start coming up with mvest ment vehicles that would compete with industry leaders. At a gray marble work table in his 24th-floor office, an elegantly simple

Japanese screen stretching behind him, Mr. Ryan strikes a measured tone, neither glowing nor gloomy. The company is "going through a tough period," he acknowledged. But he figures he's gaining on the demons. "We're well on our way," he said.

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The company that Mr. Ryan inherited was encrusted in gentlemanly tradition. It was a place where managers received their bonuses whether or not they made their annual goals, and where regular hours and uninterrupted weekends were regarded as an entitlement. "It was a very comfortable place," one longtime Prudential executive said. It was also a formal, somewhat stuffy place where the chain of command was rigidly observed and where a saccharine form of corporate circumlocutioo known as "Pru polite" ofteo left managers wondering what top executives were trying to say.

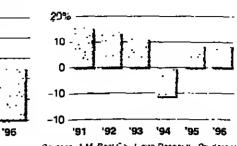
Mr. Ryan, of course, wasn't the first at Prudential to ideotify life insurance as a waning business. The company had already expanded beyood it into about a dozeo separate businesses. But instead of operating under a comprehensive strategy, those businesses, as well as the five regional headquarters of the life insurance division, addressed the world on their own terms. It was oot only a matter of little central control. Each of the units had its own computer system, its own purchasing system and its own advertising program. They did not share information about their customers, so the company could make the most of each relationship, and all too often one Prudential unit would be elbowing another for the same piece of

To Mr. Ryan, the organizatioo looked like "a series of independent

NOW THE COMPANY HAS HALTED A DECLINE IN COMMISSIONS ...

LEADING TO SOME PROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE.

Prudential's return on equity



The New York Times

put bimself and a group of four executives in charge.

Mr. Ryan's solution for most of what ails the health care unit is consolidation. Here was an operation, Mr. Ryan said, with way too many silos. "We had 40 markets in which we operated," he said, "and all acted relatively independently."

While imposing uniform operations, Mr. Ryan recognizes that health care is an essentially local business and that to succeed companies need to dominate or at least play leading roles in each market. In markets that Prudential does not have a prayer of dominating, units are being sold, as happened in Boston in mid-January. In others, where the fundamentals look good, Mr. Ryan is shopping for acquisitions. Throughout, Prudential has been shifting from traditional health insurance to managed care and is trying to expand its dental and disability insurance programs.

Because of a heavy concentration of homeowner policies in South Florida, Prudential's property and casualty company was oearly wiped out Hurricane Andrew in 1992, Claims rose to \$1.3 billion and the operation had to borrow from sister units. Prudential wanted to simply stop selling bomeowoer insurance in South Florida. But regulators ruled that if the company wanted out of that business it would have to get out of Florida entirely, abandoning its lucrative life insurance business there as well. So to reduce its risk, . Prudential began paying a full year of premiums for homeowners willing to sign with another company. These days, Prudential estimates, a burricane disaster in Florida would cost the company, at most, \$440 mil-

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ees who passed the test of the new

In two years, Mr. Ryan has shrunk

the work force to 83,000, from about

100,000. Io doing so, he has cut deeply

into the ranks of the company's ooto-

riously unproductive insurance

agents. But with the sales force now

at about 12,000, down from roughly

16,000, "the company has also lost

some agents it didn't want to lose,"

said Larry Mayewski, a senior vice

president and analyst at the A.M.

Best Company, a rating ageocy. And

with regulators still breathing down

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larly attractive place for newcom-

Not everyone at Prudential is

thrilled with the Ryan way of doing

things. But one of the hundreds of

specialists working under cootract

to help transform Prudential said

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"People are saying," be ex-plained, "'We've had some bad

press on the life insurance side,

Some of our other units are bleeding.

Things are getting tougher out there.

Maybe we do oeed some realign-

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level, people are becoming receptive

Bob Koehler, a former vice presi-

dent and head of the company's re-

tiree association, still keeps in touch

with colleagues. "A lot of people say

Art Ryan is like a breath of fresh

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silos." free-wheeling subsidiaries working at cross purposes with fragmented game plans.

To bring about change, he figured, a lot of the old guard had to go.

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promineot positions under Mr. Ryan. These people were oot in senior management, but close to it," Mr. Koehler said. "They give him the cootinuity of the old Prudeotial without being committed to the old ways.'

Still, one recurring conflict, the independent specialist said, is between short- and long-term goals. "They want to get things done quickly to stop the bleeding," be said. 'But sometimes that delays fundamental change that, by its nature, takes longer."

As an example, he said, the plan for oew regional service centers calls for them to be staffed with teams of employees trained to handle several kinds of work. But to get the centers up and running, he said, the company is assigning employees to their old, single-mission roles while planning only later to retrain them to fit the team concept.

Mr. Ryan has oot been reluctant to prune dead wood. He sold off several of the company's businesses: its reinsurance unit, whose earnings had fluctuated widely; its mortgage division, which bad been suffering through a downturn in housing sales, and its weak Canadian life insurance hranch.

Perhaps the most troubled of Prudential's businesses these days is its corporate health care unit, a behemoth with a network of 90,000 physicians, 1,000 hospitals and 4.5 million clients, which accounts for about 30 percent of the company's revenues but has been unable to make a profit for two years. In September, shortly after its two senior executives had been pushed into retirement, the unit lost its hid to renew the contract with the A.A.R.P. While searching for a new head of the unit, Mr. Ryan has

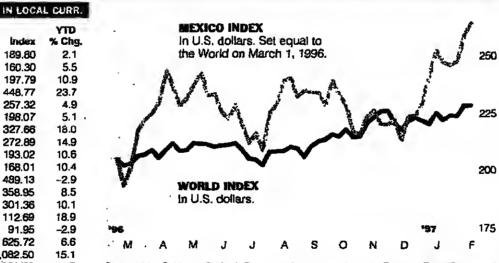
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ny's saga of scandal comes tomorrow in Federal District Court in Newark, where teams of lawyers will debate whether a proposed class-action settlement fairly compensates up to 10.7 millioo policyholders who regulators across the country say may have been misled. Last summer, Prudential paid a fine of \$35 million, imposed by the regulators, and acknowledged that for more than a decade, until 1995, some of its agents had improperly persuaded customers to cash in or borrow against existing policies to buy new, often more expensive ooes in a practice ofteo referred to as "churning." The main beneficiaries were not the customers but the agents, who received additional commissions, and the company, which gained market share and made more money.

Whatever the outcome at the hearing in Newark, the company's worries are far from over. Nearly 20,000 policyholders bave refused to go along with the class action and hundreds of individual suits --- including one by the Wellses - are being prepared by lawyers or are working their way through the courts. Other suits have been filed by agents who say they were dismissed because they tried to hlow the whistle oo dishonest insurance sales.

Officials in five states had been campaigning against the class-action settlement. But over the last rwo weeks, with the payment of \$35.2 million, hours of persocal occotiations by Mr. Rvan and an improvement in the provisions for compensation of policyholders, the officials in California, Florida, Massachussetts, Texas and Virginia dropped their objections.

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### Average Russian Still Fears a Wider NATO

To the Editor: Strobe Talbott, in bis Feb. 18 Op-Ed article making the case for NATO expansion, underestimated public opinion in Russia. Ordinary Russians still view NATO as a military bloc, a potential enemy, unchanged since the days of the cold war. Fifty years

of propaganda dies hard. From the Russian perspective, NATO has done little to dispel its cold-war image. Average Russians do not understand why NATO forces should be introduced into countries from which Russia has removed its troops. They will consider the expansion of NATO an overt threat to their country's natiooal security.

What should the West do to broaden its political and military alliance with Central and Eastern Europe in tandem with supporting Russia's democratic evolution? The one way out may be to cooclude a binding agreement that guarantees Russia that NATO troops and nuclear missiles would not be deployed near Russla's border. This would relax the

political tension in the country and noid enough without baving a good give an important victory to the Yeltsin Government over its political opponents.

The writer is deputy director of the Moscow Research Center for Human Rights,

#### s. 19 Maria To the Editor:

Strobe Talbott (Op-Ed, Feb. 18) makes a number of arguments tor growing NATO but doesn't explain why the same arguments can't be used in favor of Russian membership as well, Russians don't bave a civil society as stable as those of Czechs and Hungarians, and their military potential is bigger and more worrisome, but it's hard to see how those ilabilities are improved by enlisting their top three former allies in a military alliance that pointedly excludes them. No amount of "partner for peace" rhetoric can obscure that

Heaven knows Russians are para-

#### Isolated Elderly Need Young to Care

To the Editor:

retirement community in Arizona seeking to evict a couple caring for their 16-year-old grandson focused oo a small part of a huge phenomenon: the increased isolation of the elderly. Unlike the elders of Youngtown,

Ariz., the majority of the aged who live in the United States are not alone by choice. Rather, increased longevity combined with fixed incomes, rising rents, dispersed families and physical degeneration have stranded them. In New York City, the 1990 census found more than 350,000 peo-

ple over 65 living by themselves. Also unlike the residents of Youngtown, the majority of elderly are starving for the company of the young. Over the past two decades our agency has experienced the greatest increase in demand for its intergenerational programs. The aging populatioo bas commenced an explosion that will bring the oumber of people 90 and older in this country to 48 millioo in 2050. If we do not encourage our young to value the elderly, who will care for VIVIAN FENSTER EHRLICH us?

New York, Feb. 20, 1997 The writer is executive director of Dorot, a service ogency for the aged.

#### To the Editor: Re "Mr. Clintoo's Challenge on

Schools" (editorial, Feb. 18): I am a retiree and a recent widow, My love of

#### Don't Remember Deng as Capitalist Apologist

To the Editor:

Your Feb. 20 front-page headline tutional oorms and rules within the announcing the death of Deng Xiao-Communist Party, Uoder Mr. Deng, ping suggested that the Chinese leadintraparty power struggles have er "chose capitalism." First, there been more contained than under Mao was no choice. Market reform was Zedong's rule, Defeated political op-

reason to be. Let's expand NATO wheo we're ready for Russians as allies, not before. VLADIMIR RASKIN Seattle, Feb. 20. 1997

To the Editor: Strobe Talbott's arguments are unlikely to allay Russian fears of NATO expansion ("Russia Has

Nothing to Fear," Op-Ed, Feb. 18) If the Clintoo Administration's real reason for pursuing NATO expansion were to shore up the Central European economies and encourage democratization, it would be pressuring Western Eorope to admit the former East Bloc countries into the European Union. Through trade, lowering of tariffs and integration of economies, the goals Mr, Talbott claims to seek would be attained.

Why do the United States and its European allies not use the E.U. as a training ground in which the oewly democratic countries might demonstrate their commitment to freemarket institutions? This would help soothe Russian apprehensions. A swift expansion of a military alliance right up to Russian borders will WILLIAM I. HITCHCOCK TOL

New Haven, Feb. 18, 1997 The writer is an assistant professor of history at Yale University.

To the Editor:

Strobe Talbott (Op-Ed, Feb. 18) does not offer a convincing reason that NATO expansion will "take advantage of new opportunities," and not simply be another boondoggle costing American taxpayers plenty. After budget cuts have removed the poorest Americans from welfare rellef, will he have us swallow platitudes about NATO's "post-cold war mission ... to open its doors to the oew democracies"? In changing its nature to a more "political" orientation, so as oot to offeod Russia, is NATO expansioo anything other than more European welfare?

Mr. Talbott further states that in their zeal to become NATO members, a "number. of Central European states have already accelerated their internal reforms and improved relations with each other." Perhaps offering NATO membership to Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia will help our mission there. And by the way, does a single Op-Ed plece constitute "taking its case to the American people" for the Administration? WILLIAM FITZGERALD New York, Feb. 18, 1997

**Russian Self-Reliance** To the Editor:

In regard to Thomas L. Friedman's Feb. 16 column, "Europe's Wild Ride":

The argument that NATO expansioo will offend Russians and therefore we shouldn't provoke them sounds like appeasement of a misguided kind. A strong but nonaggressive NATO might even help Russla to set its priorities straight, and remind

### Call the Law

Is there a Justice Department equivalent of police radio? If so, it is time for the dispatcher to broadcast something like this: Calling the Attorney General! Calling the Attorney General! A Federal law enforcement official is needed at the Executive Mansioo. That location is about 1,200 yards from your office and can be identified by the presence of tourists, Democratic National Committee employees and strangers bearing gifts.

It can be argued, of course, that the tintinnabulating outrages of President Clinton's fund-raising are no joking matter. But a burst of horrified amusement still seems a defensible response to the events of the past week, when we learned that the White House has been crawling for the last four years with salaried D.N.C. employees and that John Huang may be bargaining for immunity before he will explain his marvelous talent for turning Asian businessmen into Clinton donors.

On this Sunday, as on last Sunday, we start our review of these events by poodering the whereabouts of the nation's Attorney General, Janet Reno. We hate to be repetitious, but General Reno's insisteoce that she is waiting for "credible evidence" before appointing an independent counsel has now reached the point of mindlessoess. By the standards that applied in the Carter, Reagan and Bush Administrations, the threshold for appointing an independeot counsel has been reached and passed. If she will but look, Ms. Reno will see a pervasive pattern of reckless behavior and an array of suspicious incidents that cry out for an independent counsel.

It is possible, of course, that no Federal bribery or conflict-of-interest laws bave been broken, but any common-sense observer has to be impressed with the utter recklessness of the Clinton and D.N.C. fund-raising operations. The NBC News report that D.N.C. staff members have been working inside the White House for the last four years is the latest proof of that recklessness. For decades, both Republican and Democratic Presidents have observed a ... general protocol of separation between the Presidency and party activities. But it seems that no real compartmentalization ever existed in the Clinton Administration. Indeed, the NBC report established that some of these D.N.C. employees had access to White House computers and worked directly for such high-ranking figures as Alexis Herman, whose Office of Public Liaison was already suspected of

coordinating White House invitations with D.N.C. fund-raising

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The activity fits a pattern. A oumber of undisputed journalistic accounts have shown that well before the election, Mr. Clinton and his deputy chief of staff, Harold Ickes, were planning how to raise and spend the television advertising money oeeded to rebuild Mr. Clinton's approval rating. There are laws restricting such fund-raising and limiting the political activities of Government employees. One of the issues before an independent counsel or Justice's public integrity section will be whether Mr. Ickes, while on the Federal payroll, and at the President's directioo, was the de facto director of the campaign's organizational and financial arms.

Presidents and their White House aides are inevitably involved in campaign planning. But by openly bartering Presideotial invitations for political contributioos, and by relentlessly mixing the official and the political, this Administration has gone so far beyond the normal rules of political behavior and the traditional interpretatioo of Federal law that even so dogged a Democrat as Pat Moynihan has now coocluded that the matter is too sensitive for handling by the investigators who report to Ms. Reoo.

So far, the Attorney Geoeral seems to bave relied on the coincidence theory to delay ber appointmeot of an independent counsel. In other words, it is still officially regarded as a coincidence, rather than a provable and possibly illegal quid pro quo, that John Huang's campaign dooors got meetings with Mr. Clinton or policy discussions from his Administration. Mr. Huang's decision to invoke the Fifth Amendment rather than give requested documents to Coogress severely wounded the coincideoce theory. So did the report in The Washingtoo Post that Rawlein Soberano, a vice president of the Asian-American Business Roundtable, has accused Mr. Huang of asking him to launder contributions. From President Clinton right down to the lowliest D.N.C.-paid "volunteer," this outfit raised money as if there were no rules. Maybe they were lucky or smart enough to have stayed inside the laws governing bribery and political activities by Federal employees. But there are so many indications to the contrary that only an independent counsel can deliver a judgmeot that the public will trust.

Your Feb. 16 news article on the

children led me to inquire about a reading program at our local elementary school. I now attend a first grade class two afternoons a week and it is one of the best decisions I have ever made. When I'm removing my coat. children frequently approach me with, "Please help me." The teacher is excellent. She has a tremendous amount of innovative material.

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One of the boys expressed his love for me, and a girl told me that she thinks about me all the time! Merely showing interest in these youngsters obtains their trust and interest. BEATRICE FREUNDLICH Bronx, Feb. 18, 1997:

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New York, Feb. 18, 1997

### The Mexican Drug Scandal

The arrest oo drug trafficking charges of the geoeral who led Mexico's antinarcotics program is shocking evidence of how difficult it will be to stem the flow of drugs from abroad. Just two mooths ago America's top drug fighter, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, praised hls newly appointed Mexican counterpart, Geo. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, as a man of "unquestioned integrity." Now General Gutiérrez stands accused of accepting bribes from and collaborating with leading Mexican drug traffickers. His reputation for integrity had stemmed from his crackdowns on the drug trade while a regional commander. Now he is suspected of ignoring his favored traffickers and moving only against their rivals.

The scandal raises questions about a key premise of antidrug policy in Mexico - namely, that its military would be more immune to corruption than the already corrupted civilian narcotics agencies. It also raises the frightening possibility that General Gutierrez, who received bigh-level briefings in Washington, has already disclosed strategies and secret informants to his alleged drug lord patrons.

President Clinton must decide, by March 1, whether to certify that Mexico and other oations are

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cooperating with U.S. anti-drug efforts. He can either grant full certification, deny certification or allow certification based on "vital national interests" eveo if antidrug cooperation is less than full. Nations that are not certified lose most forms of economic assistance (except for counternarcotics aid) and Washington must vote against loans to these natioos from international institutions. Last year six countries were decertified: Myanmar, Afghanistan, Nigeria, fran, Syria and Colombia.

Mexican authorities moved with admirable swiftness to arrest General Gutierrez. But his arrest is yet more evidence that corruption is affecting even top-level Mexican drug officials and thus preventing Mexico from cooperating fully with the fight against cocaine. An honest assessment would lead President Clinton to withhold full certification from Mexico but grant instead a waiver on "vital national interest" grounds. That would acknowledge Mexico's less-than-full cooperation in the fight against drugs while continuing to recognize Mexico as an important ally whose economic bealth matters deeply to the United States.

#### forced upon China's leadership as the only means to escape an increasingly stagnant economy. Second, Mr. Deng's insistence upon the developmeot of "Socialism with Chinese characteristics" hardly makes bim a harbinger of capitalism.

Whatever is said of him, he would not wish to be remembered as a capitalist apologist. Deng Xiaoping shared a deep distrust of private property with Mikhail S. Gorba-CHRISTOPHER LINGLE chev. Cleveland, Feb. 20, 1997

The writer is o visiting associate professor in the economics department at Case Western Reserve University.

To the Editor:

Your assessment of Deng Xiaoping's legacy (oews articles and editorial, Feb. 20) correctly noted his historic role in opening China to the world and moving it onto the path to modernization. However, you do not give enough atteotioo to the impact Mr. Deng's reforms have bad on China's political system.

Take, for example, Mr. Deng's ef-

ponents were pensioned off generously instead of facing long jail terms or worse. While China's paramount leader, Mr. Deng avoided Mao's dictatorial style and ruled on the basis of consensus rather than . personal whim

Mr. Deng instituted a mandatory retirement system for most senior officials. This has brought fresh blood into the ruling circles. Another reform stipulated a minimum level of education (usually coilege-level) for Government officials.

Mr. Deng's reforms bave reshaped China so that it no long requires a stroog leader The Deng era bas seen a dramatic decentralization of power, an emerging federal system and an embryonic system of checks and balances.

These changes have made China much less vulnerable to political shocks from the center. It is no wonder that for the last 18 years, China enjoyed the most peaceful period in its modern bistory. MINXIN PEI Princeton, N.J., Feb. 20, 1997

The writer is an assistant professor of politics at Princeton University... it that it shouldn't even think about following its traditional pattern of expanding to incorporate wealth rather than facing the bard questions of how to build economically on its own. Supporting real democracies in the neighborhood would also send the right message and provide the best example.

There seems to be ample good will toward Russia in the United States, despite its totalitarian past, and thus a good basis on which to build a foreign relationship. But we should oot forget and fall back into oaive patterns of appeasing the bully.

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Just as after World War II we supported both Germany and Israel and worked to overcome the gulf by helping provide each what was necessary, Israel its identity and security and Germany its economic wellbeing, we should help mend wounds after the cold war by assuring Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic their security, and help Russia toward economic self-reliance and democracy within a free and friendly world VIRGINIA KAUFMANN

Princeton, N.J., Feb. 16, 1997

### Mrs. Harriman Broke Down the Barriers to Women in Politics

#### To the Editor:

Maureen Dowd's dismissal of Pamela Harriman's role in politics, and especially the women's movemeot, is unfair (column, Feb. 16). Mrs. Harriman was as important a symbol of women's unique accomplishments as was the astronaut Sally Ride. Both were uncooventional, competed openly with men and survived. They oot only succeeded but told decades of girls and woman that nothing was impossible.

This is oo defense of Mrs. Harriman's life style, but simply an acknowledgment of her life. Without her eoergies, the Democratic Party of the 1980's would have been moribund. She opened ber home to women running for office before either party acknowledged the potential of women candidates. She debunked all of the silly myths about feminists she was funny, flirty and fashionable to the end. She gave as good as she got, and deserves a less de-

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#### meaning epitaph from a columnist who has benefited because Pamela Harriman broke down the barriers. PATRICIA BLAU REUSS

Washington, Feb. 20, 1997 The writer is senior policy analyst for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund.

#### To the Editor:

There are people who strive to pave a better way for themselves to serve others. And there are those who merely get their way to serve themselves. Maureen Dowd has drawn that distinction between the life works of



Katharine Grabam and Pamela Harriman (column, Feb. 16).

I am sure there is more to Mrs. Harriman's life than meets the eyes of the eye-rollers who Ms. Dowd reports were at ber funeral. But in Mrs. Graham, to whom I am oot related, we find the "grit, intelligence and hard work" that are the rare elements of character that serve as inspiration. ANN B. GRAHAM

Edgartown, Mass., Feb. 17, 1997

### Micro-Loans for Future

To the Editor:

Micro-enterprise, the granting of small loans to poor antrepreneurs in the third world, has been the salvation of millions of women and their children, but you are correct to remind us of its limits ("Micro-Loans for the Very Poor," editorial, Feb. 16). Let me add another limit, voiced at the Beijing Conference on Women. by women who had themselves been beneficiaries of these loans.

Micro-enterprises are usually based on old-fashioned technology; they do nothing to prepare these entrepreneurs for the 21st century Perhaps this is beside the point in rural Bangladesh, but it is very much to the point in Washington and PAMELA MCCORDUCK

New York, Feb. 16, 1997

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After a decade of getting, giving is now making news. Unusual donatioos crop up regularly on page one - a retired laundress in Mississippi (\$150,000 to a university), a secretive New Jersey businessman (\$600 million,

given anonymously), an eccentric oilman in Oklahoma (\$22 million, half to the college that expelled him).

Still, looking back, this is not surprising. Epochs marked by gain and greed, by tax breaks, mooopoly windfalls and booming stock markets, are followed by something like a moral hangover. The newly rich suffer pricks of guilt and doubt, and hear the summons of posterity, a process often quickened by public relations concerns and the still, quiet voice of a tax accountant.

So it happened a century ago, after Mark Twain's Gilded Age, when fortunes sprouted in rails and steel, department stores and real estate, turning even writers like Twain into eotrepreneurs. But as the distance wideoed between "the cottage of the laborer" and the "palace of the millionaire" - phrases used by Andrew Carnegie - some tycoons began to appreciate the blessings of giving, most strikingly Carnegie himself.

In 1889, Carnegie wrote what is reckooed the most influential magazine article of his era. Titled simply "Wealth," his essay in The North American Review said the really rich should live modestly and without extravagance, provide moderately for those dependent on them, leave little to their male heirs and give the rest away in their own lifetime, doing for their poorer brethren "better than they would or could do for themselves."

The Steel King strove to heed his own advice. Before he died in 1919, his benefactions totaled some \$311 nillion, or 90 perceot of his fortune. He donated 56,162,622 for the construction of 2,509 libraries io

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Needed: Another 'Wealth'

English-speaking communities. including 1,412 American cities and towns. The rest went mostly to colleges, special foundations and endowments and for con-

struction in The Hague of a "Temple of Peace," oow the seat of the World Court.

Carnegie's philanthropy showed real flair, as one might expect from a Scottish immigrant who, already wealthy in bis 30's, wrote in a memorandum to himself that "no idol is more debasing than worship of money." He set graded priorities, awarding first place to founding universities, followed by libraries, medical research and beautifying and preserving parks. Nobody can possibly reckon the benefits, tangible and intangible, of his ilbraries, the first of which he built in Dumfernline, where his father and fellow Scottisb weavers once pooled their pennies to buy books.

But it was his oddly paradoxical example that counted for as much as his precepts. This contradictory plutocrat sided with the underdogs whom his company police bashed. Re sold steel for cannons but viewed his Hague peace palace as "the most holy building in the world because it has the holiest end in view." He opposed imperialism and favored a British republic.

Carnegie and his gospel shamed or persuaded generations of superrich Americans to divest themselves of billions. Now the moment seems ripe for a new Carnegie, with a fresh gospel of giving. A likely candidate is the Hungarian-born financier Genrge Soros. Another is Ted Turner, who has proposed publishing lists of those who give the most. But nobody has touched the country's imagination, and conscience, with anything like Carnegie's eloquent exuberance. The new philanthropy is a cause still in search of a manifesto. KARL E. MEYER

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### **Foreign Affairs** THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

### Bread, Israel, Islam

CASABLANCA, MOTOCCO Pay attention to Morocco. Pay close attention. What's going on here today. is typical of a troubling chain of events that is unfolding throughout the Arab world and Turkey. It works like this: Pressure to join the global economy forces Arab governments to privatize state industries, to stop guaranteeing college grads a job and to raise bread prices. This restructuring produces buge income gaps. The losers take to the streets or drift toward Islamic fundamentalist organizations. To express their frustration, the losers denounce their government's relations with Israel, because that's the most effective and evocative way to de-legitimize the regime for raising bread prices. The rulers respond by distancing themselves from Israel, but don't lower the price of bread. Morocco is the perfect laboratory

for this interaction. The Egypt-Israel peace treaty was first conceived in secret talks hosted by Morocco's King Hassan II. But lately, Moroccan-Israeli relations have cooled. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wanted to visit here after the Hebron deal, as his predecessors often did, but no invitation was forthcoming because, as one Moroccan official said: "We don't want any political tourism." Although Israeli businessmen: still operate openly here, Moroccan officials completely boycotted Israel's National Day celebration, at the still "unofficial" Israeli Embassy bere, but they turned out en masse for Iran's.

To be sure, Israeli bombings in Lebanon last spring and the controversial Jerusalem tunnel opening last September have soured King Hassan's . mood toward Israel, not to mention that of the Moroccan street.

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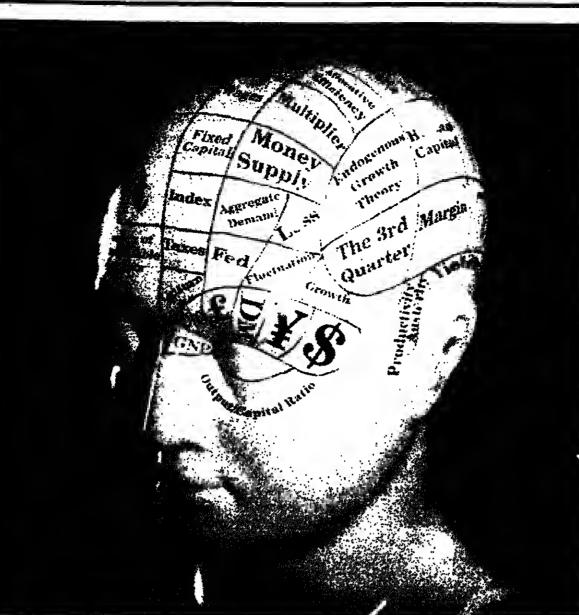
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But the story goes deeper. King Hassan, in a farsighted move, recently signed an agreement with the European linico that will make moroccu a member of the E.U. free-trade zone over 10 years. This will force Moroccan agriculture and industry to downsize and upgrade to deal with European competition. Unfortunately, Morocco bas barely begun preparing for this brutal competition, because the reforms either are too painful-or cut against vested interests here.

A country with only a 50 percent literacy rate; Morocco still has hundreds of villages without running water or electricity, Those state-owned enterprises that have been privatized are often controlled by the same eco-



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### Keepers of the Dismal Faith

#### By Alan Ehrenhalt

WASHINGTON ot long ago, in a wide-fy read introductory work oo economics, 1 came upon an extended discussion of wby popcorn is ex-

pensive at the movies. It turns out that economists have been depaiing this subject in scholarly journals for more than a quarter century.

Many of them have concluded that the common-sense explanation of the problem is wrong. Movie popcorn doesn't cost \$3 a box because the theater owner has a monopoly. It costs that much because people go to the movies. in groups, and if a theater started offering cheap popcorn as a come on, popcorn lovers would try to pull the whole group to that theater, causing dissension. Expensive popcorn is the price of leisure-time social harmony. an ingenious theory, but it ig

nores some commoo-sense truths.

The cost of popcorn is utterly irrele-

moviegoers simply don't possess.

mist jokes revolve around a couple of

defining characteristics: their love of

theoretical assumption and their

haughty rejection of common sense.

more, they will readily admit, than

telling the uninitiated that the plain

evidence of the senses is wrong. These

days they are doing it with a particu-

lar vengeance. Ordinary Americans

look at their country and note the

disappearance of 40 million jobs in the

past two decades and conclude that

something terribly disruptive has

been going on. They see that many of

the nation's biggest corporations now

do most of their manufacturing in

third world countries, and infer that

precious livelihoods are fleeing to

The response of many economists

is to insist that no such thing is hap-

pening, that for every job lost a new

one is born and thus the country does

not suffer materially in the transition.

(The individuals who are affected

materially by this transition are rare-

ly considered relevant.) In the past

couple of months, the economic pro-

fessoriate has been a familiar pres-

ence on the country's most influential

Op-Ed pages, smacking down the

journalists and occasional renegade

economists who insist that the evi-

dence of the senses bolds some truth.

the arcana of the foreign trade de-

bate. What interests me is the argu-

ment that the professoriate ultimate-

ly seizes upon in its effort to discredit

the heretics: They aren't "real" econ-

omists. They lack credentials. Worst

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algebra," a distinguished economist

wrote in a typical diatribe a few

weeks ago, "and very difficult to

Of all the ammunition an economist

Alan Ehrenhalt, executive editor of

Governing magazine, is the author of

"The Lost City: The Forgotten Vir-

tues of Community in America."

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can throw at you in an argument, the main insuit is permaps the most dispiriting. It is essentially a charge of illiteracy. And anybody who has not mastered the algebra of trade theory by middle age is probably never going

to pick it up. But even people who know very little math know something about math: It is a reasoning process based on a set of postulates, a set of assumptions. It is only as good as the assumptions it starts with. Medieval astronomers developed highly sophisticated mathematical models for tracking the path of the planets, and they got lem was that they thought the sun revolved around the earth.

Market economics is not only a faith; it is an entirely appropriate faith for the generation of thinkers who were born shortly after World War 11, went to college in the 1960's and now dominate the public policy discussion in academia and much of government. Market economics enshrines choice and llonizes the individual. Carried to its furthest ex-

treme, it all but suggests that anything the individual really feels 11 doing can't be wrong. It is a branch of 1960's ideology in formal dress. As the mantra for millions of Amer-

icans, perhaps most of a generation, this set of ideas is entitled to some respect. But it oeed not be taken at face value, and mastery of algebra should not be a prerequisite for discussing It. 

### Liberties

WEEKLY REVIEW

#### MAUREEN DOWD

### Pitcher in the Rye

The following conversation took show and warbling your favorite show place between Hnrry Evans of Ran-tunes on "Rosie O'Donnell." dom House and J. D. Salinger. Mr. Evnns was on his cor phone in Mnnhattan when he reached the author at his New Hampshire home. The call was toped by a couple at Yadda who heard it on a scanner that happened to pick up the cellular tronsmissions. The couple, who care passionately about the impact of publishing on literature, made the tope ovailable to The New York Times.

Jerry, Harry Evans here. You're back! It's a bloody miracle. Your first book in 34 years! And we're all the better for it. Everybody at the Four Seasons is beside bimself. And the timing, Jerry, pure Rip Van Winkle. To be perfectly frank, old friend, you had taken the Famously Reclusive thing as far as it could go. I know you found publishing a terrible invasion, that you just like to write for yourself. Privacy can be lovely, or so 1'm told. Dick Morris - you know Dick, don't you? His book tanked, but I'm sure we can get something going in Hollywood. Anyway, he's right here next to me and he says, good for you and for all that privacy.

I remember reading that you once said. "There is a marvelous peace in not publishing." Intriguing concept. But, Jerry, listen. There's a down side to all that peace. It doesn't sell. Tragedy sells, Incest sells, Tawdriness sells. Repressed memories sell, Rotten mothers sell.

Besides, you were making Thomas Pynchon look like Jay McInerney. Your act worked too well. Kids today don't even know who you are. They've never heard of "To Catch a Rye." What's that, Dick? Oh, yeah, "The Catcher in the Rye." We doo't have adolescent angst any more. We have Jenny McCarthy in her underwear. Anyway, Jerry, a lot has changed since you disappeared into the woods back in '51. It's a whole new book business. The Pope goes oo book tour now. The First Lady goes. It's sad, Jerry, but as my wife, Tina Brown, told Loodon TV, America, unlike England, is completely driven by money and commercial concerns.

We're not taiking the Guinan, Doon Mart any more. We're talking trailer trucks backing up to Barnes & Noble. We're talking TV ads and home shopping networks. We're talking tie-ins -Holden Caulfield baseball caps, Franny and Zooey action figures and the Web. Dot com. Jerry, dot com. Your own home page. We're talking-Oprah's book club and Imus's radio

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You can't get away with recycling that photo with the crewcut and hound-dog eyes. You have to do "Charlie Rose" now, and we're not letting you put a blue dot over your face.

American society has changed, Jerry. They don't prize the strong, silent type any more. They like the weak. chatty type. You've given two interviews in 45 years? Try two interviews in 45 seconds on a press junket.

#### The trouble with Harry.

Look, Jerry, fiction is in big trouble. This is the age of the memoir. I got Colin \$6 million. I got Oick \$2.5 million. I got Christopher Reeve \$3 million. People don't have time for fine writing. They're busy, Jerry. They have gorged on a ricb diet of celebrity and personality -- People magazine and Larry King and Barbara Walters - and now they can't sit still for anything but a scoop or a scandal.

Which brings me to the reason for this call. You gave that old New Yorker story to that dinky publisher in Virginia Secause you wanted everybody to know you were still around. Message delivered. We get It, Jerry. Now get real. If a third-rate story about the Glass family is being hailed as the literary coup of the decade, what would they call a hot Salinger book? You're the last man in America who hasn't cashed in. Join the party, Jerry. America's Most Famous Reciuse Reveals All! The J.D. Salinger story by J. D. Salinger as told to J. D. Salinger. From Clearasil to Depends. from the pimply, alienated Holdeo to the 78-year-old, alienated Jerry. C'mon, even Updike let Rabbit grow up. I want to publish it. I want to advance it. I want to sell it. I want to put it on display at a Barneys breakfast. Don't worry. We won't do a panel With From Lobo Dr. Ruth. It will just be you and Buddy and Seymour.

Tina will serialize it. Your old magazine, Jerry, your old magazine. They say I'm a cheap hustler, but don't you believe it. I'm an expensive hustler.

Jerry? Jerry? Are you there? Am I losing you or did you hang up? Dick; I think he hung up. JERRY?

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How economists

nomic elite, tied to the royal palace,

#### e sure a subject a th When economics and the peace process intersect.

that dominated the state monopolies, which is why 3 percent of the population here controls 85 percent of the wealth. Morocco's universities, which uniquely combine the worst of the socialist and French education systems, each year turn out so many graduates who cannot find jobs here, have no entrepreneurial or technical skills and are wholly unprepared for today's information economy that Morocco oow bas a "Union of Unemployed University Graduates." With Government subsidies and services being cut, the undercurrent of economic disquiet widens.

Mohammed Aoujjar, editor of the centrist al-Mithaq newspaper, re-marked to me: "We are now in the phase of the ugliness of the market. People feel they have been dropped by. the Government and left to fend for themselves, without any salety net." Arab regimes justified peace with Israel by saying it would lead to investment and buge dividends for Arab society, but as one Islamist here remarked to me: "So the Jews got Israel, but we never got the well-being."

Not surprisingly, Morocco's Islamist organizations, which have a strong anti-Israel bent, have taken advantage of this disquiet and are leading the social protests. Islamist-led students, protesting the lack of adequate bus service between the city and King Hassan II University, recently battled police. True, Morocco is still far from being another Algeria, but Islamists now dominate virtually all Moroccan student unions and are spreading into the labor unions and professional associations. In any free election here, they would do very well .

King Hassan cannot afford to ignore such sentiments, which is why one well-connected Israeli here mused to. me: "Time is not working for us. The Arab leaders who led the peace process are getting old and fragile. They have become risk averse. The Moroccan Government is now in a contest with the Islamists. It has to be careful not to aggravate this phenomenon. It's bad enough they have to crush the Islamists with batons, they don't need to provoke them more by deepening relations with Israel, Israel and Morocco never got married. We were always just engaged. It's been a long engagement, and now I'm not sure we'll ever get married." we'll ever get married."

vant to anyone's decision about where Present-day economists may know to go to the movies. All that really more than medieval astronomers, but matters is the movie being shown and they too are captives of a single overthe location of the theater. To factor arching idea: that most people in in concession prices is to assume an everyday life are rational calculators all-purpose calculating mind that of their own self-interest - that they are, in economic jargon, maximizers What is it about economists, anyof utility. Given a sufficient amount of way? For the past generation or information, they will come to the more, most of us have suspected they logically correct decision every time. are a little eccentric, and much of the Modern conventional economics is time they seem to agree. They have not just a series of calculations about always liked to make jokes about trade or jobs or money. It is a theory themselves: "Your idea may be fine about human behavior. And it is a in practice," the senior professor theory that, to say the least, deserves sneers at his junior colleague. "But it more scrutiny than it normally gets. will never work in theory." Econo-The sociologist Alan Wolfe gave it

that scrutiny in his ground-breaking book, "Whose Keeper?" Treating human beings as pure calculators of self-interest, Mr. Wolfe pointed out, ignores virtually all differences across time, space, temperament and culture. Such an approach assumes that given the right amount of information, we would make the sama "rational" decision whether we were young or old, sick or well, outgoing or reclusive, alooe or in a group. Most mainstream economists would shrink from defending this idea in its bhuntest formulation. And yet it is the fragile assumptioo upon which an entire edifice of formulas, calculatioos and predictions is ultimately based.

What attracts economists to questionable ideas and makes them so belligerent? The best way to answer that question is to think of economics more as a faith than as a science.

you look at some of the personal recollections of the currect cohort of free-market economists, you usually find a common thread. At some point in their early lives, beset by the usual self-doubts of youth, they discovered the market and fell in love. Some of them actually use those words. The market offered them a certainty that no other available creed could provide. It gave them a cascade of answers. In fact, given the initial assumptions of individual rationality, the market can answer all questions not just questions about trade or jobs or inflation but all the important questions of life. Even questions about the price of popcorn at the movies.

In that respect, free-market economics resembles such earlier claimants to truth as Marxism and psychoanalysis - sweeping theoretical systems that provide their acolytes a reassuring certainty in exchange for a lew gigantic assumptions as starting points. Like Marxists and Freudians, free-market economists take refuge from their critics by retreating under the cloak of unimpeachable science.

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#### FILM

## Some Stars Keep Shining, But Most Just Fade to Gray

#### By PETER M. NICHOLS

CTORS over 60 seem to be enjoying something of a rejuvenation on screen. At 66, Armin Mueller-Stahl has an Oscar nomination for his performance in "Shine." So does Laureo Bacall, 72, for hers in "The Mirror Has Two Faces." In "Absolute Power," Clint Eastwood, 66, is running them ragged as an older master thief. Last summer, Sean Connery, also 66, led a commando team into Alcatraz in "The Rock." Earlier this winter, Jack Lemmon, 72, and James Garner, 68, galloped cross-country in "My Fellow Americans."

And there are more: Shirley Mac-Laine, 62, in "The Evening Star," Debbte Reynolds, 64, in "Mother" and of course Walter Matthau, at 76 perhaps the liveliest older actor go-

One might even get the impression that the old have at last risen to smite their traditional oppressor: the archtypical 32-year-old studio executive whose notion of the world extends all the way to 25.

But rank-and-file older actors tell a depressingly different story. While occasional roles materialize for the Matthaus and MacLaines, most working older actors find themselves as persona non grata as ever. Some have never seen it so bad.

"Our senior performers have all hut disappeared from television, and they're practically invisible in feature films," says Richard Masur, 48, president of the Screen Actors Guild and a younger older actor with dozens of credits in films and television. "And I'm oot talking about people over 65," he says, "I'm talking about 50." If you're a woman, make that

That state of affairs may seem surprising in an aging population whose dominant segment, the baby boom generation, is already turning 50. Nevertheless, Mr. Masur says, Hollywood feels as free as ever to pursue a young audience that tends to be satisfied with formulaic movies and characters.

It is geoerally left to independent films to create complex older roles like Mr. Mueller-Stahl's in "Shine." Although older actors are understandably loath to discuss the situation on the record, Mr. Masur and his counterparts in the directors' and writers' guilds say that Hollywood is creating virtually no interesting older characters for the average actor to portray. Down in the acting ranks, the aging buddle and hope. "A few men between 50 and 60 are still

mentors and the like," Mr. Masur ble those played by Mr. Muellersays. After that they, too, find them- Stahl as the emotionally brutalizing selves obliged to shuffle off to a oo- father of the pianist David Helfgott person zone, as if people of 62 or so in "Shine," or the troubled widow cease to exist in any guise anybody portrayed by Gena Rowlands, 66, in might have any interest in.

the most part long gone. "They to- with stars like Jeanne Moreau tally disappear in that age range," again at about 65 when they've made the transition from being womeo to being old ladies."

contemporaries can still be found in President of the United States in willowy wife of an elderly tycoon stereotypes. (E. G. Marshall, 86).

On screen, older women are ordi-Wives Club." So did Ann-Margret, 55, in "Grumpy Old Men" and its

known for his portrayal of Mark reasons avoid going to movies alto-Twain, Mr. Holbrook found his ca- gether. reer tailing off in the early 1980's. "My hair was turning gray," he

says. "I decided not to color it any more. My former wife told me, 'Holtake

Currently he is portraying an old man suffering from cancer in a television film being shot in British Columbia. It's not a bad part, he says, he does on screen.

In the seemingly, endless, stream - media," Mr. Masur says. change of pace, comedies and dra- much to the young. Older actors mas involving younger people, he mention a kind of vicious circle of and other older actors find little that economics and studio mindset. First, is relevant or worthwhile to do on considered somewhat viable be- screen. If senior performers could it is perceived that "younger" peocause they're playing heads of cor- create fulfilling roles for them- ple, from the teens through about 45,

porations, governments, physicians, selves, the characters might resem- are the ones spending money for Unhook the Stars." Such charac-Women between 50 and 60 are for ters have abounded in foreign films

(nearing 70) or Marcello Mas-Mr. Masur says. "Then they pop up troianni (who died in December at age 72). In Hollywood movies, according to

many actors, when an older person Most galling to women at that age does happen to wander onto the is the fact that their male screen scene amid the stunts and car crashes, or for a pat on the silvery pate the company of young women. Wit- from patronizing young people, it is ness Gene Hackman, 67, who as usually as the victim of abuse, the bumbling laughingstock, the rancor-"Absolute Power" wrestles with the ous so-and-so or other cuddly-prickly

"The deadliest thing you fight as an actor in movies and television is that they type you in their mind and they can't see anything else," Mr. narily deprived of sex, which in the Holhrook says. "And to a point world of Hollywood hinges entirely they're right; you are what you are. on looks. "You occasionally see a But there are people who are actors roman showing up well who is above — Jasoo Robards, you know — who 50," Mr. Masur says. Goldie Hawn, have the capacity to alter themfor example, who is 51, plays sexual- selves and play various characterly appealing women in "Everyone izations. But we don't get much ays I Love You" and "The First chance. The material iso't there these days."

Rarely in Hollywood movies, or so sequel. "But the point is that Ann- it is alleged by many senior actors, Margret didn't look 50," Mr. Masur writers and directors, are older people portrayed with understanding or If none of this is new in Hollywood, appreciation. With an aging populaoeither has age bias been quite so tion in this country, why is that tolerpronounced in the view of many old- ated? It is commonly assumed that er actors. "The business has older audiences are uncomfortable changed more radically in the last with the sight of aging people on five years," says Hal Holbrook, 72. screen to begin with, especially in "It's all gone to youth." A four-time films that portray them so narrowly Eramy winner who is perhaps best and stupidly, and for this and other

Many older film people say that wouldn't be the case if people their age were depicted on screen the same way they function in life. Occabrook, you're making a big mis- sionally fine films come along -"Cocoon" or "The Trip to Bountiful" or "Atlantic City" - that treat the elderly as people with their faculties intact. Otherwise audiences usually seem to be fed buffoons, basket

cases and crazy old coots. It doesn't help that the older popuand it's more satisfying than the lation doesn't complain. "Seniors usual run of movie roles coming are vocal about things like health along. These days, he adds, he usu- care and social security, but almost ally finds better work in theater than totally silent about having themselves reflected accurately in the

from Madison Avenue to Hollywood

specific products in this country. And what is a movie if not a product? Not that older people don't have a lot of money and leisure time to spend, but they aren't regarded as being as targetable.

With movies being made for the young, naturally it's the young who go to the movies. Teen-agers, in fact. often go several times to the same movie, for example Wes Craven's current high school horror film "Scream."

Studios obviously gear up accordingly. "In their view everything has to be written by young writers," says Brad Radnitz, president of the Writers Guild. "For parts you need young actors, and to understand the whole scene you need young directors.

Mr. Radnitz notes that in the old days of the studio system, directors and producers were company men churning out a halanced slate of films with room for all ages. Hollywood films, he says, are now individual projects of the producers, with studios serving merely as packagers and distributors. As for the film makers, he adds: "Each entity says: I'm not going to get too many shots here. I have one picture so I'd better make damn sure I make money on

That doesn't lead to broad-based film making. "Essentially it's an amusement park ride," Mr. Radnitz says. "No one is willing to take a risk. We've catered to the lowest common denominator in demographics, so pictures are for the 12year-old mentality. That's the market, the kids coming back five and six times and making money for the studios.'

Not surprising, many people in Hollywood regard this as a vast oversimplification. "f just don't think it's true at all," says Tom Rothman, president of production of 20th Century Fox. The studio, he points out, plans to release "Out to Sea," with Mr. Matthau and Mr. ble," "The People vs. Larry Flynt" Lemmon, on May 30 and has several other films coming with solid roles for older actors. "Yes, there is a certain homogeneity io movies," he says, "but the problem is lessening because what you're seeing now is that the more original a picture is,

Possibly that could be said of sev- est in wisdom, in what someone with got as invitation as a young director eral recent independently. made more experience might have to of a film festival in Madrid, he films - "The English Patient," "Big ... fer," she says. "They're funnier, says.

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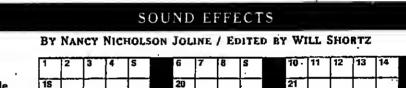
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Walter Matthau, left, and Jack Lemmon in "Out to Sea."

tion has come only recently in this country, and he says he will be glad for whatever comes along. "So you can play characters. They're still with us," he says. "I've been heroes and sons in East Europe and fathers of bad guys in West Europe. Now I'm going to make myself a career as a grandfather in America, which is a

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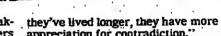
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Night," "Secrets and Lies," "Break-ing the Waves," "Shine" and others appreciation for cootradiction." all of which have attracted good As for Mr. Mueller-Stahl, recognicritical attention and drawn mature audiences, not to mention most of the top Oscar nominations. Bot Mr. Rothman says it's also true of mature studio films like ."The Cruci-

and, speaking of the old folks, "Mother" and "The Evening Star." great benefit." Ms. MacLaine, for one, sees a slightly improving situation, if not a breakout, for older movie charac- may have found another way. Reters. "There seems to be more inter- ' cently he directed his first film. "f

### Mafia Films: Done to Death?

Puzo said.

**Bad guys are on** 

the genre alive? "I would say get

during the May sweeps as a six-hour

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Mafia, the writer asserts that com-

could continue to keep the subject

The mystique of the mob is dying

going to jail," Mr. Puzo said. "The

present-day mob, 1 think, doesn't

have enough romance. And they've

been overwhelmed by technology

Mr. Newell pointed out that when

the contemporary mob film was

born in the early 1970's, with the first

two installments of the "Godfather"

trilogy, J. Edgar Hoover had reluc-

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the Mafia only a decade before. Con-

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Mr. Newell suggested that in the

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Martin Scorsese's "Goodfellas"

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#### **By BILL RODRIGUEZ**

WO men are discussing murder. They are alone in a Cadillac but not really alone: hanging over them is the spirit of a movie genre that has been done nearly to death. In the scene being shot, Johnny Depp is playing an undercover F.B.L. ageot and Al Pacino the low-level mobster who has unwittingly befriended him. On a sound stage in a Park Slope armory in Brooklyn, under the intense but exhausted eyes of the director Mike Newell, they go over and over their lines, trying to for its 25th anniversary. How would find a way to make the film "Donnie Brasco," which opens on Friday, not sound like just another mob movie.

"Twenty years you know a guy. you whack him out? Just like that?" says a shaken Mr. Depp.

'The man held out. He held out on a coke deal," Mr. Pacino responds. Mr. Depp, as the F.B.I. agent, demands that Mr. Pacino say the name of the old friend he just killed, his voice rising to a scream as the mobster wearily insists that to do so would break "the rules."

The scene had been rewritten many times, the dialogue cut down - and cut down some more - in search of a confrontation terse and real enough to jar the movie out of the genre's usual tracks.

That was part of the challenge that loomed large for Mr. Newell all through the shooting of "Donnie Brasco," a movie based on the reallife story of the F.B.L agent, Joseph D. Pistone, who infiltrated the mob for six years and wrote about it in his 1988 book, "Donnie Brasco: My Undercover Life in the Mafia." And it's a question facing other movie makers as well: How, 25 years after out, because so many of them are "The Godfather" opened the modern Mafia movie era, can a director keep a mob movie fresh?

After sbooting several versions of the scene at the armory, there was a dinner break. Over a salad, Mr. Newell spoke about how, as an Englishman who directed the comedy "Four Weddings and a Funeral," be could presume to add to the canon of American mob films,

"What was the last really descriptive mob movie?" he asked. "I guess that was 25 years ago; that was 'The Godfather.' There basn't been a simyuppie 80's. ple piece of straight-line storytelling about the mob since then. You try to make comedies about it or they be- Lefty, a constantly broke gambler

come heavily overlaid with moral whose sleeves get more threadbare questions, just like those late west- as the story progresses, is a gangster for the 90's.

"Now I don't know what the defini-Mr. Newell is not the only one pondering those questions, or the tive mob movie of the 90's is going to first to bear them. Mario Puzo, who be, but my guess would be that it's brought his novel "The Godfather" got to start to be about exhaustioo," to the screen, has heard talk before be said. "That we are both beginning about the decline of the mob genre; to be exhausted with the genre there's not much more to tell - that only the medium was oot film. "I remember when I was trying to it may be the case that the Italian

sell 'The Godfather,' everybody said, mob is beginning finally, really, to 'Who wants another Mafia book?' run out of steam, both because the That was a strike against it," Mr. F.B.L's been so successful and also because the mob is now so legiti-"The Godfather," oow considered mate, they're so woven into the fabto be the gold standard of Mafia ric here that they hardly need to be films, will be rereleased next month, criminal anymore."

After speoding time with organ-Mr. Puzo advise Hollywood to keep ized-crime figures in Brooklyn, Mr. Newell decided to focus his film oot on "generalship" but on survival. "They try and make the scores they make, and they try to keep the loan sharking on track and collect oo the oumbers," be said. "It's grinding daily work. It's 'Death of a Salesman.' this story."

Another writer familiar with the Mafia, Gay Talese, sees enduring attraction in the mob movie, much as there has been in the recurring tales of strong, silent men out West. "The Mafia movie was really an urban western. Its appeal was a kind of justice that isn't recognized in the Mr. Puzo's latest novel, "The Last law," he said. "The mob movie and Don." will be coming to television the western movie both show men m decisive postures.

Mr. Talese's works include "Honmay acknowledge the decline of the or Thy Father," the book about the Bonanno crime family that was pelling and inventive storytelling made into a television movie of the same name in 1971.

> Mr. Talese does not believe that the Mafia genre is exhausted yet. In fact, he feels there is still glamour to be attached to mobsters now, because they seem "heroic, in a perverted sense," in contrast to the F.B.I., which has suffered a tarnished reputation because of such things as the botched siege at Ruby Ridge in Idaho. By that token, Agent Pistone of the F.B.I. serves double duty in "Donnie Brasco": as a make-believe mobster and as a Fed whose testimony brings down numerous organized-crime figures. "Hollywood could make an anti-

crime contribution that the Justice Department hasn't been able to," Mr. Talese joked. "One way to kill the Mafia is to kill the film business." If directors like Mr. Scorsese and actors like Mr. Pacino and Mr. De Niro stopped playing hoodlums, he suggested, "there's the end of

organized crime as we know it."

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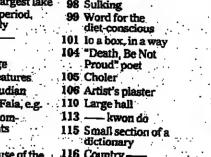
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**FEATURES** 

## Vilna treasure trove rescued from church

In the city that was once the center of the Ashkenazi world, books forsaken for 50 years may be restored to Jewish hands. Marilyn Henry reports

onfiscated by the Germans, then concealed by the Soviets, a treasure trove of 370 Torah scrolls and Jewish books languished in a church in Vilnius, previously called Vilna, the bygone thriving center of Ashkenazi Jewish life. Once the property of YIVO, a research institute founded in Vilna and now based in New York, the Telshe Yeshiva and numerous synagogues, the Judaica was claimed - but oot cared for - by the Naoonal Library of Lithuania.

Improperly stored, often in heaps on the floor, the Judaica was left to the charge of two elderly women who struggled to sort and catalog it.

YIVO officials tried for years to gain access to the books. The materials were the legacy of the Jews of what once was Vilna, in Poland, YIVO argued, not of a state library in what is now Vilnius, Lithuania.

The Judaica was of no use in a society where few read or write Yiddish or Hebrew, YIVO contended. "There's no one left in Lithuania who can make any good use of this material, oo one left with the scholarly or linguistic skills to read these books. even the title pages," said Allan Nadler, YIVO's director of research. "If these were useful, they would not have been sitting intouched for 50 vears

Further, a spokesperson from YTVO said, it was hard to understand bow the materials could be a Linhuanian treasure when they are remnants of the world of Polish Jewry:

The battle over who owns the Judaica and where the material should be housed led to eight years of shattered arrangements between Lithuanian officials and YTVO, the famed institute, established in 1925 in Vilna, Poland, as a center of secular and traditional learning, and which moved to New York in 1940.

"What has really complicated matters is the constant turnover of regimes and then political parties within an independent Lithuania, so just when we get to a point where we think we've reached an agreement, a new set of officials is installed, and they see things differently," said Zachary Baker, a YTVO archivist.

However, the battle may be over -- for now: Prime Minister Gediminas Vagnorius announced carlier this month that, once the cataloging and classification of the books is completed, the Jewishbooks and Torah scrolls will be transferred to the Jewish State Museum in Lithuania. Vagnorius also pledged that his government would support a YTVO team to help with the cataloging. The prime minister's decision averts, at least

temporarily, a tangled dispute over whether the books are Jewish or Lithuanian treasures. It also moots the question of whether they should remain in Lithuania, where the small, aging Jewish popuer care for nor 11 Can ne



The Strashun Library, Vilna, circa 1920: A thriving center of Jewish life.

THERE ARE many Judaica collections in Eastern European and former Soviet libraries. Some, such as those in Warsaw, Kiev and Lvov, are being taken care of in what experts say is a professional way: There are other archival collections, generated before the war by local Jewish organizations, that now are housed in regional and central deposito-

However, the Vilna Judaica is probably greater than collections at other libraries. "It's a large collection because of the rich cultural life and intellectual life of Lithuanian Jewry," said Zachary Baker, a YIVO archivist. There was quite an impressive array of libraries in that area."

Vilna, the city Napoleon called "Jerusalem of the North," was famous for the Strashun Library, the repertory theater known as the Vilna Troupe, and as the home of Elijah ben Solomon Zalmen. known as the Vilna Gaon, the pre-eminent 18th century rabbi of the non-hassidic world.

The city was transferred from Poland to Lithuania under the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact in 1939. The Soviet Union took over the country the next year. Vilnius later was used by the Nazis as one of the main points for collecting and channeling books that were to be sent to Germany where they were to be incorporated into German libraries. including the so-called Institute for the Study of the Jewish Question. The Nazis used the former YIVO building as the collection point. The Reich killed 240,000 Jews in Lithuania;

today, fewer than 4,000 remain.

The material uncovered in Lithuania and elsewhere is the legacy of Soviet library policies, as well as Nazi-era actions. "In terms of Soviet policies, we are dealing with a country - no matter what republic you are talking about - that sought to restrict access to information that was politically. suspect or politically not in tune with what the regime was propagating," Baker said. "The Judaica is only one small piece of a much

larger set of issues." said Baker. Three years ago, in the Vilnius church, Baker

saw books in German, Polish, Russian, French and had been con from other

libraries by the Soviet regime and "kept under lock and key as part of the information-control policy of the Soviet Linion," he said.

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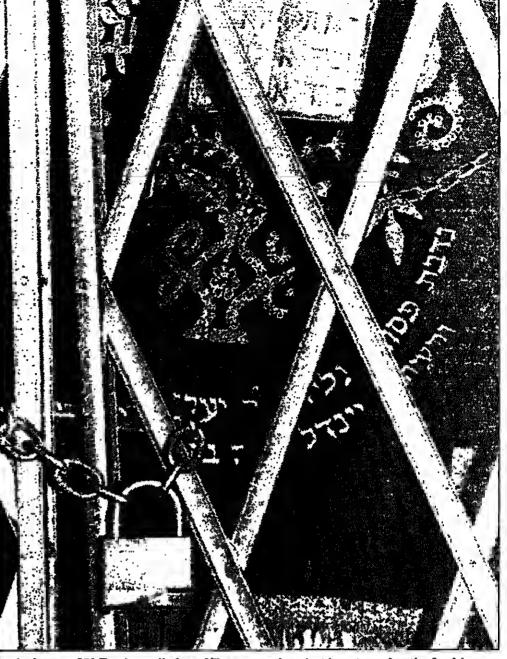
It is not clear what will happen to some of these other materials. In many cases they cannot be returned to their owners because the institutions that created them no longer exist, Baker said.

YIVO officials in New York got the first elimmer that some of the Vilna Judaica had survived in 1988, when an article was published that described the library stamps found in the Vilna collection. It was written by Emanuelis Zingeris, now a member of the Lithuanian parliament and the driving force behind the Jewish State Museum in Vilnius.

The Vilna Judaica gained international attention late last year with an article in The New York Times. While that article appears to have propelled Vagnorius's surprising announcement, the publicity may bave been a double-edged sword. YIVO suddenly found itself nearly competing with dozens of Jewish organizations bent on rescuing the materials, with vastly different ideas about whether and where the Judaica should be moved. Some of the advocates saw the Lithuanian effort to retain the Judaica as a ploy to induce American Jews to donate money to a Lithuanian institution to house material that belonged in the US or Israel. Others said the location of the Judaica was less important than the fact that it needed to be ideolified and preserved, with ready access by scholars.

Yet others said that having the materials moved to the Jewish Museum would prove to be a mixed blessing. On one hand, that would place the Judaica in Jewish hands. But, once it was in Jewish hands, it was unlikely that the Judaica would be permitted to leave the country. "Let's say they find space on the shelves and catalog.it. Theo what?" asked one researcher who sought to have the Judaica moved to the US, "What use will it be to scholars? So then it will languish in Jewish hands." The Lithuanian Jewish community also seemed to be splintered.

"Is there some simple way to resolve this?" said chail Iskobas



Locked away: 370 Torah scrolls from Vilna may at long last be returned to the Jewish community after languishing in a church for years.

schools in Linhuania. "No, of course not. But [ came from Telshe. And I wonder now did my grandfather write in the margins of those books? Are they what turned my father into a great and learned man?

"I can't say that this will ever be a center of Jewish learning again," he told the Times. "I know that our renaissance here is in the past. But books are our love. And as much as 1 admit that more people would use them someplace else 1 cannot stand to see them leave. Too much has left here already."

The Habad rabbi in Vilnius, Sholom Ber Krinsky, said he did not believe the books will be used properly in Lithuania. "They need to be rescued even if that means taken from us."

In the meantime, the books are safe, according to ent that visi

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"The books are not in immediate danger." Andrew Baker, director of European affairs of the American Jewish Committee, said after he and a YTVO representative toured the church and met with the prime minister shortly before Vagnonus's announcement.

The 370 Torah scrolls and scroll fragments, however, were not available for close inspection, he said. They were tagged and wrapped in a muslinlike fabric and it was not possible to determine their condition, or whether the heftier scrolls were complete.

"If there are usable Torah scrolls, we would like to get them to congregations where they can be used, whether they are in Lithuania or Eastern Europe or America," Baker said. "I think we all believe that they belong in a synagogue, not in

#### EARTHLY CONCERNS

### The right spice for treating wounds

#### By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Thui only a couple of decades ago, modern science tended to scoff at claims made by practitioners of folk medicine abont the value of certain plants in curing disease.

Even then, it was acknowledged that digitalis, belladonna and quinine, as well as some other drugs, were derived from plants that had been used for centuries as folk remedies but somehow the idea persisted that all the rest were merely the result of superstition. But a new wave of interest swept the scientific community involving researchers from disciplines from botany to microbiology, and some of these long-known remedies were found to possess true medicinal powers. But the investigators" wish to profit from their discoveries resulted, more ofteo than not, io

legal actions, since almost every drug company that had funded a team to explore some plant, if it showed promise, wanted an exclusive patent on its nse.

But patent authorities in a oumber of countries are not sure that one can patent a material that has been in use for huodreds, even thousands of years, albeit not by mainstream medical professionals, and this bas tied up the patent applications on a number of prodncts.

Two examples in particular stand out. The first is the common tree parasite, Viscous olba, or mistletoe. This plant has been in use for at least 3,000 years. It was used by the Druids and the early Roman conquerors of

England reported on it. It was a part of thepharmacognosy of people all over Europe and was used for a variety of illnesses. Some researchers say it was the famous "golden bough" of the priests of Nemi. In the 20th century Rudolf Steiner made a preparation from this plant that has been and still is used in Steiner clinics and a lot of people claim that the preparation

of mistletoe juice cured their malignancies. Now the University of Southern California in Los Angeles has filed application for a worldwide patent on the use of mistletoe in the treatment of cancer and AIDS, diseases which seem to be ameliorated by the extracts of the

The second is the common

(Curcurum longo) also known as "haldi." and karkom in Hebrew. This plant has been the mainstay of Indian medicine for as long as anyone can remember. Ancient writings say that soldiers carried a small bag of powdered turmeric and poured the powder immediately into sword and saber wounds to prevent infection, stop bleeding and enhance healing. There is probably no person alive in India whose scraped knee caps and other cuts and scratches from childhood were not treated with powdered turmeric or a paste made of the powder. In

addition, Indian pharamacognosy kitchen condiment, turmeric, lists a total of 1,700 different

medicinal uses for the plant. Last year two American scientists managed to receive a patent for the use of turmeric as a treatment for wounds but the outcry from the Indian government has been such that the patent is now being contested. Certainly the claim that the two researchers were the "first to use this powder to treat wounds" is unlikely to be upheld.

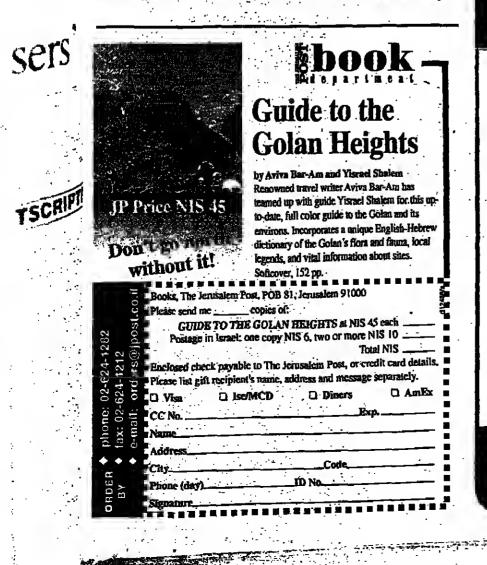
India has been particularly sensitive to these sorts of claims which they term as "piracy" ever since 1985 when several big drug companies received patents to exploit the neem tree of India (Acdorechet indico) as a source



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## BUSINESS

in brief

#### Sharansky to appoint new director-general

Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky is likely to appoint a new ministry director-general within the next few weeks, possibly before the end of the month, one of his advisers confirmed yesterday. The list of candidates to replace Yehoshua Gleitman has yet to

be finalized, according to the source.

Gleitman's resignation takes effect from the end of March. Appointed in August, Gleitman made it clear to Sharansky that the arrangement would only be temporary. Prior to his current post, Gleitman served for four years as the chief scientist. David Harris

#### Kedem DiverseyLever consider venture

Kedem Chemicals, a subsidiary of Tambour, and DiverseyLever, a subsidiary of the Anglo-Dutch Unilever, are negotiating to establish a joint venture in the cleaning materials field.

In an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Kedem said the companies are interested in establishing a joint company to supply chemicals and systems for cleaning and maintenance for the inertire and industrial and maintenance for the institutional and industrial sector.

The manufacturer of a variety of chemicals refused to provide the details of the deal, which has not yet received the approval of the board of directors. Unilever is an international conglomerate engaged in the food and chemicals sectors.

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#### Polgat explores Indian partnership

Polgat and Clal Industries are examining joint cooperation possibilities with Birla, an Indian investment company. A delegation of eight senior Birla representatives will visit Clal's American Israel Paper Mills, the Nesher cement factory and ECI this week as hosts of Clal.

Birla is an \$8 billion investment company with 12 centers worldwide. The company owns subsidiaries engaged in a broad range of fields, including textiles, aluminum, paper, sugar, chemicals, and cement.

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#### COMPANY RESULTS

#### New Dimension net soars

New Dimension Software's annual net income soared 311 percent to \$5.45 million last year from \$1.33m. in 1995. Revenue was up 22% to \$43.55m, from \$35.74m.

For the fourth quarter, net income increased 308% to \$2.84m. from \$695,000 in the same period in 1995. Revenues went up 49% 10 \$13.69m

The Tel Aviv vendor of integrated software solutions for data management attributed the results to its success in penetrating overseas . markets.

In the fourth quarter, the company's revenues increased 51% in ... North America, 41% in Europe and 53% in the rest of the world, com-

pared to the same period one year ago. Dan Barnea, the company's CEO, said that New Dimension Software had also succeeded in strengthening the company's role in several technological markets. "During 1996, we continued our strong commitment to product development in both mainframe and client/server technology," Barnea said in a statement.

The company's products are used to manage the flow of information between applications, systems, end users and administrators.

## **Discount's share offer** delayed until April

#### By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Bank Discount's public share offer has been deleyed until April due to the bank's inability to supply a precise estimate of its anticipated provision for doubtful debts in the 1996 fourth quarter, the bank notified the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. The management of Discount Bank end MI Holdings, the gov-

ernment-owned company in charge of the banks sale, intend to submit to the Securitles Anthority in the first week of April a draft prospectus for the sale of a 17-percent stake in Israel's third largest bank. The new prospectus would

include the bank's annual financial statements for 1996, which will be published today. "We intend to issue the bank in

the middle of April," said MI Holdings general manager Meir Yacobson.

MI Holdings initially inteoded to execute the offer during the first guarter of this year, based on the bank's financial statements for the first nine mooths of 1996. Several days before the scheduled issue date. the Securities Authority decided to base the fianl approval of the prospectus on receiving more information of the additional allowances for doubtful debts in the fourth quarter.

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Considering its lack of this data, the bank was unable to meet the criteria necessary 10 publish the prospectus, Bank Discount said in an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

Last week Bank Discount and the government worked around the clock to hold the offer in ome, but at the end of a lengthy meeting Thursday night it was clear the bank has run out of time.

initially estimated there will be additional allowances of between NIS 30 million and NIS 60m. in the fourth quarter, but the authority demanded more precise information

A proposal to include the 1996 financial statements of Mercantile Discount Bank and Discount Mortgage Bank in Bank Discount's prospectus was also rejected.

The publication of the subsidiaries' results were expected to assist investors in deciding whether to take part in the issue. Underwriters of the issue said MI Holdings and Bank Discount should have realized that the timing of the publication of the bank's prospectus was likely to cause problems.

They said the addioonal provisions clause, which is a problem every quarter, is especially problematic in the fourth quarter,

Bank Discount management since the financial statements are audited at the end of the year. Yacobson refused to comment on the subject, explaining that the government did not expect

problems of this kind. The issue, which is in the framework of the government's privatization plans, is expected to raise a total of NIS 650m., of which NIS 170m. will be immediate. The bank has been valued for this offering at NIS 3.9 bil-

The. posiponement Discount's issue has led to the cancellation of the pre-sale of Bank Discount's shares to institutional investors. The pre-sale. took place at the start of the month.

It is not yet clear whether the postponement will cause a delay in the government's sale of Bank Leumi's and United Mizrahi Bank's shares, which are current-ly planned for the second quarter.

### Mortgage rates shaved by 0.2%

#### By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

The mortgage banks have reduced the rate of interest on mortgages by an average 0.2 percent, in line with the decrease in the cost of raising capital resources.

Zion Ezer, the general manager of Bank Hapoalim's Mishkan bank, said the decrease is primar-ily due to the drop in yields on the bond market during the last few weeks.

The banks have continuously reduced Interest rates since December.

Following the reduction in rates, the interest on a five-year mortgage at Mishkan has decreased to 5.2%.

The rate for mortgages of between six and 10 years at a country's foreign policy," said Mishkan is 5.4%, and for mort-Asahi Shimbun, editor and for-Mishkan is 5.4%, and for mortgages of more than 20 years is

Monday, February 24, 1997

Japan mulls Israeli request for direct flights

#### By DAVID HARRIS

Japan is considering a request from Israel for direct flights to operate between Tel Aviv and Osaka.

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Led by its First Middle East Division. Japan's Foreign Ministry is pressing for El Al to be allowed to ruri schedule flights to Kansai Airport, near the western Japanese city.

However, the Transport f Ministry is understood to be towing a cautious line for a variety of economic, logistical end securi-ty-related reasons.

Israel had pressed for several years for permission to fly into Narita, which servers Tokyo, even though it is located some 70 kilometers from the cepital. However, that airport is full, with a long queue of airline companies requesting slots ahead of El

With the recent opening of Kansai, which is a two-hour flight or four-hour train journey from Tokyo, negotiations have reopened.

Among the key discussion points is security, a problem exacerbated by the semi-private nature of Kansai.

Some Israeli diplomats are questioning the economic viability of running a regular service to Tokyo. With only 15,000 tourists coming to Israel from Japan each year and a further 2,000 businessmen, even a weekly service would not break even.

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"It's a chicken and egg ques-tion," said one diplomat. "Is El El the chicken or the egg? If the company launches a service will it attract new visitors, or will the current lack of visitors deter the company?

El Al is keen to run scheduled flights to Japan, as it is looking to extend its operations in the Far East.

The company has previously operated charter flights to Japan and is now offering special fourday package holidays to Israel for Japanese tourists on longer stays in Europe.

"Airlines are effectively part of mer Israel correspondent for the



Jennifer Friedlin

#### Laser Industries profits up 52%

Laser Industries Ltd. reported a 52% increase in annual net income to \$8.8m., compared with 1995 net income before ligation expenses of \$5.5m. The company's revenues rose 17% to \$58.7m. from \$50.1m.

For the quarter, the company reported net income of \$2.5m, com-pared with net income before liogaoon expenses of \$1.7m. Revenues for the quarter went up 14% to \$15.5m, from \$13.5m, in the same quarter in 1995.

Laser Industries manufactures and sells surgical laser systems. The Tel Aviv-based company makes systems for freehand surgery, microsurgery, endoscopic surgery, neurosurgery, eye, proctologic and arthroscopic surgery and sells us products in the US, Europe, Asia, Central Jennifer Friedlin and South America, Australia and Africa.



#### British Petroleum CEO visits Kuwait

British Petroleum CEO John Browne (left) listens to Chairman Kahlid Fulaij yesterday. Browne, on a two-day visit to Kuwait, was given a guided tour of the state-owned Kuwait Oil Company. Kuwait owns a 9.5 percent stake in BP.

5.6% · Adanim Bank, which was the first to reduce interest rates,

charges 5% interest on five-year loans. At Union Bank the interest on a mortgage of between five and 10

years is 5%. Mortgages for a period of 11-15 years are now at 5.1%. First Internacional Bank and its

subsidiary Atzmaut Bank bave also reduced rates. Interest on a five-year mortgage is 5.2%.

Unlike the other banks, Bank Leumi mortgage banks does not iotend to reduce mortgage rates in the near future.

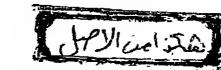
newspaper Daiji Sadamori, "One problem is that air agreements have to be reciprocal, but the Japanese airlines don't seem to be interested in Israel."

Currently, the cheapest, most popular flights to and from Japan include stops in major European cities, adding as many as 14 hours to the length of a direct flight

Newly established Turkey-Japan services are proving to be economical and convenient.

"Journeys to Ben Gurion could prove popular, if with the peace process Tel Aviv becomes the Middle East hnb." said Sadamori.

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### metals close up

#### By MICHAEL ZWEBNER

and a tribe Precious metals closed mostly higher on Friday but erased some of their gains by the session's end ····: ***0.4; u. Selee due to profit-taking by commodity funds.

1.1 m Analysts have differing opinions on whether gold's recent move up is a short-term bounce up, with new lows to still be made, or in in ser as whether it is a signal that the botin it is a tom is in place. from te.

With commodity funds taking profits on short positions, physical gold demand picking up, and the Seeing a downward correction last week, some investors were being tempted back into precious metals. Taders said.

an innar an Silver bas been leading the . . XIZ. recovery in the precious metals complex lately. However, fund profit-taking was cited as the main South 11 the contributing factor to March silthe day on Friday.

19 A. 19 A. Palladium showed strength in V 122-6 the market on Friday, with the March contract trading to a high of 34 \$139.75. While the Russian buderiget has been passed, many con-cems remain about the availability of Russian supplies as contracts 1.4 still will need to be negotiated. 

April gold closed up \$1.50 at 1.1 mm 2015 \$354.10. March silver closed down 4 cents at \$5.19. April platinum closed up \$2.10 at \$374 and March palladium closed up \$3 at \$139.

High grade copper futures closed higher on Friday as gains held and traders resisted taking 6.2.21 profits ahead of the weekend. While London Metal Exchange 5-12 A 10-(LME) stocks increased slightly, inaders discounted the inorcase """and pushed prices higher Rumors that China may be interested in bnying copper also contributed to higher prices.

COMEX March high-grade copper futures closed up 190 points to . " --- close at \$1,1330. . . .

## Albright warns Japan on automotive trade issues

... TOKYO (Reuter) - US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday warned Japan of possible trade friction unless Japan fully implemented a 1995 Japan-US auto accord, Japanese trade officials said. auto accord.

They said Albright gave the warning in a meeting in Tokyo with International Trade and Industry Minister Sbinji Sato to discuss bilateral trade issues. Albright stopped in Tokyo as part of ber first world tour as secretary of state.

Referring to complaints by the US automobile industry regard-ing the auto agreement, Albright said that as automobiles and auto parts are "key areas," there is a risk of friction developing unless Japan fully implements the accord. Sato pledged to Albright that Japan will live up to the agreement reached in June 1995, the officials said.

The American Automobile Manufacturers Association said last month that the "Big Three" US automakers signed 103 new dealer outlets in Japan in 1996. gaining only about half of the 200 outlets expected under the

The association urged Japanese automakers 10 follow through with their pledge to support an open dealer network.

Albright also called for exten-sion of the 1992 bilateral paper trade accord which Japan refuses to extend and is due to expire in early April, but Sato said only that Japanese and US officials should exchange views on the issue, the officials said. Other clouds on the trade hori-

zon are over photographic film, shipping and telecommunications. Last Friday, US Deputy Trade Representative Jeffrey Lang urged Japan to begin its

promised talks as soon as possi- delayed an announcement of the ble on lifting curbs on foreign equity ownership in two

Japanese telecom giants. Under a pledge by 68 members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to open up the world's telecommunications markets. Japan promised to abolish foreign equity restrictions for all telecom companies except the two giants - domestic telecom carrier Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. (NTT) and international carrier KDD.

The US has also filed with a WTO dispute settlement panel a complaint that Japan had attempted to thwart foreign entry into its photographic film and paper market.

On shipping, the US appears to have made up its mind on whether to slap sanctions on Japanese shipping firms over Japan's port practices but has

decision because of Albright's visit.

Federal Maritime The Commission, angry at what it says are discriminatory and costly Japanese port practices, has been considering slapping a S100,000 surcharge on Japanese ship operators Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd. Mitsui OSK Lines Lid and Nippon Yusen KK every time they stop at a US port. High-profile US-Japan trade

disputes have often gone to the brink but averted the actual imposition of sanctions by last-

minute deals. That was the case in the bitter feud over trade in cars and car parts in 1995. Two-way trade spats have been on the backbumer recently, but analysts say tempers could flare if Tokyo's trade surplus with Washington rises again due to the weak yen.

yesterday as the market responded

to a volatile mix of high stock prices and a rapidly unfolding political crisis, traders said. The benchmark Mishtanim index of top 100 shares fell 3.23

percent to 257.91 on all-share turnover of NIS 173 million,

againsi NIS 160m. on Thursday. The Maof 25 blue-chip index closed 2.78% lower at 266.79. "Trading opened with a sharp decline of more than 4%, but by midday the market started recovering." said Dan Lallouz, portfolio manager at Clal Insurance. "The beginning of the day was really

frightening. With no other economic news out, it seems it's all related to the political situation," said Danniella Finn, vice president at Betucha Securities.

"The market rose very fast and investors are nervous," Lallouz said.

"Bad news can knock the market down easily, I do not believe that this is the beginning of a negauve trend."

Ronen Kaufman, a vice president at Nesuah Investment Management, said he believed the sell-off was more influenced by high stock prices and the absence of foreigners on Sunday to counterbalance the wave of sell orders by Israelis.

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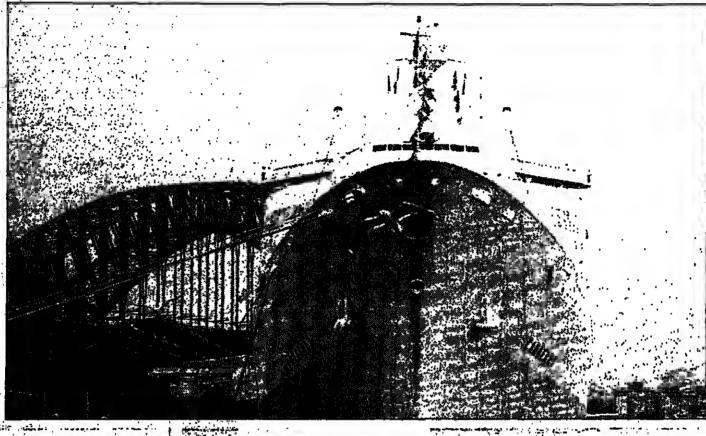
**Gdansk shipyard** faces 2,500 layoffs

WARSAW (Reuter) - About 2,500 workers from the Gdansk shipyard could be out of a job by the end of February unless the bankrupt enterprise obtains credit from banks to build five ships, the provincial Labor Office said over the weekend.

"Assuming the most pessimistic scenario – that is a lack of credit – it should be expected that on February 28, 2,500 workers will get their notice," the director of the Labor Office in Gdansk, Grazyna Zielinska, said in a statement.

The statement, issued to reporters, said 3,800 people were now work-ing at the Baltic coast yard, which employed 7,500 in August 1996. when the enterprise was declared bankrupt.

The yard appeared to be heading for final collapse after a consortium



The British passenger ship 'P&O Canberra' is docked at Circular Bay yesterday. The 44,807 ton ship, which was launched in

Belfast in 1960, was built specifically for the UK-Australia run and is to be retired in September after a world tour.

### TASE ROUNDUP Market down on Bar-On

Maof Mishtanim 266.79 🔻 2.78% 257.91 🔻 3.23%

#### By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Mishtanim index has been Shares closed broadly lower rising steadily since the start of November, gaining nearly 10% in February alone.

"The level of prices simply has no backing on the basis of economic parameters." said Kaufman, making the market vulnerable

affair wouldn't be affecting the

market," he said.

Finn said she thought the market's reaction to the crisis was overwrought.

"It seenis to me a bit of a panic." she said.

"To me it's not justified. Even when there's a government crisis. there's no change in economic fundamentals. In my mind, it's a bit of an overshooting. There is room for a correction. It [the political crisis] might be an excuse or a catalyst."

Kaufman said that regardless of how the crisis develops, he saw little room for short-term improvement in the market. He said, however, that if yesterday's declines are very big, prices could correct upwards today,

"The strong correction we saw toward the end of the trading day

was a clear sign that the market is sull strong," a trader at United Mizrahi Bank said. "I believe that the market will continue to rise [today]."

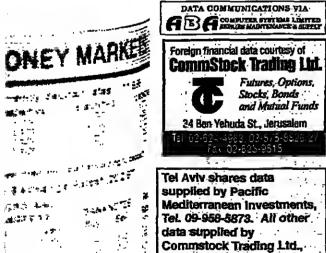
The most active share was Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which closed unchanged on volume of NIS 11.7m. (Reuter)



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Crude oil and petroleum product futures ended lower on the New York Mercantile exchange on: Friday, following trends seen on . the International Petrolcum Exchange (IPE) in London. This downward move, sparked by last week's bearish inventory data for crude oil from the American Petroleum Institute and the US Department of Energy, continued after weakness in the Brent contract on the IPE kept np the pressure on April crude oil.

Analysts said a report that the UN approved more contracts for sale in the Iraqi oil-for-food deal added to the bearish environment. The April crude oil contract closed down 30 cents at \$21.39 per bar-rel. CommStock Trading Ltd.



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### 11 Y . . . **US, UK cite progress** in aviation talks

'P&O Canberra' readies for last world tour

#### By ROBERT TRAUTMAN

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The US and Britain over the weekend reported progress to talks aimed at giving airlines from both countries far more freedom to fly rontes and set schedules on their

own. John Byerly, a State Department negotiator, said after the latest negotiations "the two delegations concurred that the talks bad been useful and that the two sides had made progress toward an agreed

text for a new bilateral accord." The talks, held last week, aim to reach a new agreement to replace the existing restrictive US-British aviation services accord. Previous talks were held on and off over the past two years with little progress reported. Byerly did not detail the progress made, and added that "the delegates achieved a fuller understanding" of respective positions regarding issues that remain to be resolved. He said the two sides agreed to further exchanges through diplomatic channels and were likely to resume negotiations, but he would

not elaborate. The open skies agreement would give US and British carri-ers far more freedom to fly routes and frequencies of their own choosing.

One issue blocking an agree-ment bas been Britain's reluctance to cede additional landing slots at London's Heathrow Airport, considered by US carriers to be a key transfer point for flights to conn-.

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nental Europe and beyond. Heathrow is dominated by British Airways Plc. Canada, Germany and other

European countries have already reached "open skies" accords with the US.

The US-British talks are being closely watched by Britisb Airways and American Airlines, because Washington bas said it would not approve their proposed alliance unless a new aviation pact was reached between Washington and London.

American bas asked US regulators for immunity from antimust laws for the proposed alliance, which would give the two carriers greater strength in the lucrative US-Britisb market. American and BA proposed the alliance last June 11. American and BA plan to coordinate and jointly market passeoger and cargo services across the Atlantic.

Other major US airlines, as well as Britain's Virgin Atlantic Airways, are watching the open skies talks, and the ramifications for the American-BA alliance, very closely. Five big US airlines have asked

the Transportation Department to hold public bearings on the proposed alliance. Virgin Atlantic has said the alliance would give American-BA control of 60 percent of the US-British market.

Bot American has said the alliance would increase competinon because it would be part of an open skies pact that would open Heathrow to its US rivals.

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### Miami fears new **US** sanctions against Colombia

By TERESA CARSON

MIAMI (Reuter) - Miami and its airport could be hard bit if the US government imposes new trade sanctions against Colombia when it reviews its relationship with drug-related countries next week, trade executives said. "We do not need any sanctions

right now. We prefer it like this, we do not want it to get worse," Guillermo Mejia, Miami-based commercial director for Colombian all-cargo Tampa Airlines SA told reporters over the weekend, referring to industry fears the US government might propose tougher measures such as a tax on flowers or other goods.

"If the government imposes sanctions, such as a tax on flowers, it would be a major blow to the air cargo and the flower todustry in South Florida," B.F. Spohrer, president of Miami-based Challenge Air Cargo and also chairman of the World Trade

Center Miami, said earlier. Last March 1, US President Bill Clinton decertified Colombia as a reliable ally in the drugs war, saying the government was not doing enough to combat the cartels.

But Colombia faced only mild sanctions.

By law, each year the president must review the anti-drugs

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efforts of the countries that are on the black list.

This year 32 countries will be reviewed in a report called the International Narcoucs Control Strategy Report, which the State Department compiles from all government agencies involved in the drug war, a State Department spokesman said.

Colombia is Miami International Airport's biggest trading partner with 227,000 tonnes of air cargo to and from Colombia, according to 1995 statistics from Metro-Dade Aviation Department. Brazil is the next closest with

one-third that amount. Flowers are MIA's largest sin-

gle import, with 167,000 tonnes coming in in 1995, according to Metro-Dade Aviation.

Colombian and trade interests have been lobbying, taking out advertisements in newspapers and organizing forums to press their case with Washington.

Spohrer said World Trade officials met Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles, who in turn called Clinton to urge bim not to impose tougher sanctions on Colombia.

"Everyone is sitting around bittog their nails to see what happens," Spohrer said.

Currently flowers from Colombia enjoy a special trade status and no duty is charged.

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of banks refused it a \$100 million loan last week to finance construction of the five ships for a German contractor.

The German contract would have kept part of the yard alive, while the government and the firm's management sought an investor to save the business.

The shipyard has operated on bankruptcy regulations since August last year, when its debts reached 415 million zlotys (\$136 million) and banks refused further credit.

The government of ex-communists and a peasant party blames the shipyard's previous managements, supported by the Solidarity union which arose there in 1980 as the Soviet bloc's first free trade union, for the company's misfortunes.

Solidarity, which helped topple communist rule in 1989, says the govemment has subsidized other state-owned firms and is now denying help because of the yard's opposition links.

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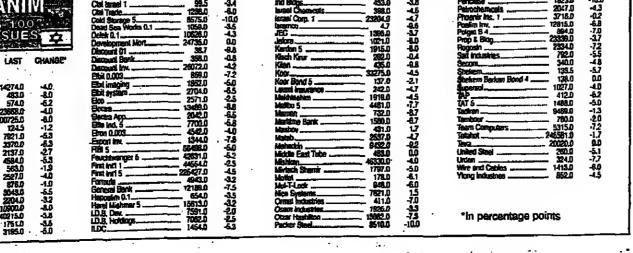
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Kenny Anderson led the Trail Blazers with 20 points.

Raptors 99, Mayericks 92 In Dallas, Walt Williams scored 14 points and led a late surge as the Toronto Raptors beat the Dallas Mavericks.

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the Bulls put the game away with a 13-4 run that included five points by Pippen and four each by Jordan and Toni Kukoc. Hornets 93, Hawks 92

In Atlanta, Tony Smith made a layup with 15 seconds remaining last Homets defeated the Hawks. Following Smith's basket, off a feed from Tony Delk, the Hawks were unable to get off a shot. Steve Smith's attempted inbounds pass with 1.4 seconds was deflected away by Tony Smith. Anthony Mason led Charlotte with 25 points and 12 rebounds. Glen Rice added 23 points and Vlade Divac had 17 points and 10 the Raptors. rebounds in the Hornets' fourth straight win. Christian Laettner bad 24 points and a season-high 16 rebounds for the Hawks, who dropped to 22-3

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76ers 97, Trail Blazers 80 In Philadelphia, Derrick Coleman scored 28 points and added 15 rebounds, leading the Philadelphia 76ers past the

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witt nine points as Toronto took a 90-81 lead with 3:12 remaining, Dallas, paced by 20 points each from Michael Finley and Sasha Danilovic, got no closer than seveo points the rest of the way. Doug Christie scored 22 for

Toronto, 18 in the first half. Damon Stoudamire added 15 points and Marcus Camby 14 for

Saturday's results: Charlotte 93, Atlanta 92; Philadelphia 97, Portland 80; Chicago120, Golden State 87; Toronto 99, Dallas 92.

### **Knight steers England** to second one-day win over Kiwis AUCKLAND (Reuter) - Opener

the covers. Nick Knight smashed 84 from just

When Graham Thorpe hit a 69 bails yesterday to steer England return catch to Simon Doull, four to victory in a rain-affected one-England wickets had fallen for 14 day cricket international against

allotted 50 overs, thanks chiefly to a swashbuckling 79 from Chris

Rain forced a delay of 1-3/4 hours after England openers Knight and Alec Stewart bad cracked 47 without loss from the first six overs.

When play resumed, the tourists always looked favourites to achieve a revised target of 132 from 26 overs for victory - especially as New Zealand still had to keep all but two fielders. in the inner circle for 15 overs of the innings.

#### But four wickers tumbled in quick succession as England tried to force the pace in fear of further rain.

After Stewart fell leg before to Heath Davis for 30, England gambled by promoting big hitters from lower down the order. It backfired, with Dominic Cork departing for four and Ronnie Irani 'falling to an athletic catch by Nathan Astle in

runs. But acting captain Nasser Hussain steadied the ship, and Knight finished off the match elegantiy with three off-side boundaries. It was Knight's best innings to date in an otherwise disappointing tour. England, who won the three-

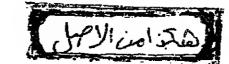
one-day internationals. In New Zealand's innings, opener Bryan Young scored 46 from 59 balls but it was left to Cairus to provide the main fireworks. The all-rounder, playing as a specialist batsman because of an ankle injury hindering his bowling, clubbed three sixes and five fours

England's wayward bowlers gifted 16 wides to New Zealand, with Andrew Caddick straying four times in a single over.

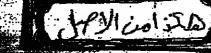
New Zealand captain Lee Germon said the weather had reduced the match to a farce, "It seems unfair to us that we had to go through 15 overs of the (fielding) restriction," he said.

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HELEN KAYE Actress Liora Rivlin, who's a fine singer, and composer/singer Eran Carmeli have teamed op with director Dani Horowitz for It Didn't Happen that Way, a song cycle by Carmeli set to poems by Dalia Robikowitz. Tonight at Tzavta Tel Aviv at 9. (Hebrew) and a second second

ENTERTAINMENT

### **ENGLISH THEATER**

HELEN KAYE

Dapbne du Maorier's gothic thriller Rebecca is the story of Community Theater production stars Marilyn Lyons as the enigmatic Mrs. Danvers and intro-

Edmund Jonah tomorrow and through Thursday at Yad Lebanim at 8:30 p.m.

Unadorned, a new play by Jodi Schenk, tells the personal stories of five ourses against the unsettling backgrouod of an English military hospital duriog World War I. The Guild Theater production is directed by Robert Schenk and plays tomorrow and Wednesday at Yed Lebanim, Ra'anana at 8:30 p.m.

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#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The young and talented members of the Jerusalem Music Center's Young Musicians Ensemble pay tribute tonight (8:30) to Yosef Tal, one of the most important Israeli com-

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

*** MICHAEL COLLENS - Neil Jordan's big, bloody epic takes place in that cataclysmic peri-od of Irish history between the failed Easter Rebellion of 1916 and the assassination of Collins (played here by Liam Neeson) six years later, Harsh, beautiful and sometimes confusing, the film crams an incredibly messy and complex history into a little over two hours, a feat which is both impressive and a bit troubling. On the one hand, viewers unfamiliar with the intricate ins-and-outs of Irish political history are treated to a breathless but vivid crash course. On the other hand, Jordan has streamlined the plot and characters considerably in order to make the elaborate saga comprehensible as drama.

Under normal circumstances these little fictions would constitute no great cinematic crime. But in this particular charged case of IRA history, a director who takes such liberties comes uncomfortably close to revisionist mythmaking. With Aidan Quinn, Alan Rickman, Stephen Rea and Julia Roberts. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended



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## PM reveals J'lem plan to Hussein

NEWS

#### By DAVID MAKOVSKY

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AMMAN - Prime Minister Binyamio Netanyahu informed King Hussein vesterday that Israel plans to "simultaneously announce this week" the construction of an estimated 2,600 Jewish housing units on Har Homa and an "approximately equal" number of Arab units in the Jerusalem area, according to participants in the talks.

In remarks at the joint news conference at the Raghdan Palace, the monarch sought to be diplomatic but urged all to act "responsibly" to ensure that peace prevails.

When asked about his views on Har Homa, Hussein replied, "I know how sensitive the issue of Jerusalem is. I hope nothing will happen that will explode emotions [in the city.] We have to think with our minds and hearts."

While trying to play down differences, when pressed further, Hussein, added, "our principled position is to oppose any change [in eastern Jerusalem] that would affect or threaten the peace process."

While admitting differences existed, Netanyahu sought 10 allay Hussein's fears, insisting Israel is committed to building both Arab and Jewish housing in the capital. "It is true we have our respective

positions. We also want to see Jerusalem as a city of peace between Israelis and Arabs," Netanyahu said.

"We do not view developing the Jewish parts and leaving underdeveloped the non-Jewish parts. We don't accept it. We have committed substantial amounts of money. Two weeks ago, we committed about \$50 nullion to the Arab communities of Jerusalem. This same policy will continue," he said.

Netanyahu said that in final talks with the Palestinians, "we shall

# Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu chats with Jordan's King Hussein before their meeting at Raghdan Palace in Amman yesterday, as Crown Prince Hassan (second left) and Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti look on. "They will have unimpeded that I think could be codified and

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status, of the three religions in Jerusalem."

access as they do now to their holy sites," he said. "This is something

presented by the Israeli side," formalized in a final settlement and Netanyahu's six-hour visit to when the time comes ... this will be Jordan marks the first time the pre-

(Reuter)

mier has held extensive talks with Hussein since ties between the two countries deteriorated in the aftermath of the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit last September. When asked by The Jerusalem Post whether he feels his personal ties with Netanyahu and whether bilateral ties between the two countries have been normalized after a half year interregnum, Hussein responded, [our] relations are extremely cordial. We are very, very frank. We are very open with each other. I think we both act responsibly and I hope we will be able to jointly or individually make our contribution towards the target, which is a comprehensive peace." He appealed to the media to give us a chance to address problems

without jumping to conclusions, without making speculations." "We don't want to conduct our policy through the media." he said, noting that the "foundations" existed for a "good atmosphere" to conduct neg Hious.

While Netanyahu, Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan, Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti, and Netanyahu aides Dore Gold and Damy Naveh met to discuss broad issues during an hour and a half of talks, officials on both sides were holding parallel talks on bilateral issues such as trade and water. The five Iordanian ministers who participated in the talks were heads of the following ministries: economics: trade, transportation, public works and information.

Perhaps, the key bilateral issue was Israel's willingness to forgo the establishment of an Akaba-Eilat airport along the border, and rather agree that it was more feasible that the an international airport be build

solely in Akaba with special arrangements be made for Israel.

Settlements council backs Netanyahu

commission found that the pilots had ambiguous flight rules and that

none of the pilots were authorized to

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Meanwhile, the commander of the

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Lt-Col. A. told the Air Force

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#### By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza spokeswoman Yehudit Tiar has denied reports that appeared in the media yesterday, suggesting that the council was intensifying its campaign to find an alternative candidate to head the Likud in the next elections.

"We voted for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and we will continue to back him." she said, adding that reports in one of the local Hebrew dailies suggesting that the council was searching for another candidate "related to an individual opinion made by one of the council board members."

Tiar was referring to remarks attributed to Natan Smoliansky, bead of the Elkana Regional regarding road construction, housing develop-ment, investment and allowing building to conmits.

tinue in Hebron. The Jewish settlers in Hebron demanded on Saturday night that Netanyahu and Defense

Minister Yitzhak Mordechai authorize the necessary permits to continue building in the Jewish neighborhoods there and put an end to the building freeze in effect throughout Judea and Samaria.

According to Hebron spokesman Noam Amon, if the building permits are not granted

Ivry probe examines 'copter wreckage'

the settlers will continue building without them. Although the settlers' demands relate specifically to Beit Nahum, Arnon stressed that building plans in various stages were in the works for several other sites, but had yet to receive per-

"For 14 years Jewish families have been living in caravans in Tel Rumeida and their Arab. neighbors live in beautiful stone houses," he said.

"It's an absurd situation," Amon, continued, "the Arabs were handed back 80 percent of the city and are in the midst of intensive building and we are still waiting for permission." Ten days ago the Civil Administration issued a.

stop work order on Beit Nahum in the Avraham Avinu neighborhood.

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Panel: Gov't inactive over PA activities in capital By LIAT COLLINS and Itim "I hope the government's basic stand will be implemented and

Following a tour of Jerusalem by members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday, committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) said: "We uncovered a picture of government inactivity relating to the enforcement of Israeli law in eastem Jerusalem."

The tour started in the Arab neighborhoods in the north of the city and included a visit to the Vocational Training Center, which is funded by the Palestinian Authority but oper-

eventually the many Palestinian Authority offices will be closed and the Palestinian Preventive Security Service ageots who arrest hundred of people without the intervention of the Israeli police [will be stopped]," Landau said. On the other hand, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said he had learned nothing new during the tour and described the claims by coalition MKs as old and

unfounded history." "There are 160,000 Palestinians

Council. According to Tiar, the council plans to intensi-fy its lobbying efforts and put "constructive" pressure on the prime minister, MKs and ministers to implement promises they have made

ates in Shuafat, as well as other buildings serving Palestinian-run organizations. According to the mayor's advisor on eastern Jerusalem issues, Shalom Goldstein, the PA is gradually taking these organizations over. Goldstein also noted Oslo infringements such as the offices of the PA-appointed Wakf officials next to the Temple Mount.

The MKs passed by other sites of apparent PA activity, including the home of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser Ahmed Tibi in the Dehiyat el-Barid neighborhood.

Landau said it is clear that there are several ongoing infriogements of the Oslo Accords and Israeli law in eastern Jerusalem and described the lack of enforcement by the present and previous gov-emments as "incomprehensible."

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in Jerusalem who are naturally more connected to the Palestinian Authority and it is oo wonder they have stronger links to Palestinian bodies than to Ehud [Jerusalem Mayor] Olmert," Sarid said. Committee Knesset Law Chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) said for the past two years the PA and PLO had been encroaching in Jerusalem and the police are tak-

ing only limited action. People are not questioned or charged and the Arab residents decide for themselves, out of fear, to tie themselves to the Palestinian Authority at the expense of the State of Israel," he said.

Yahalom also accused the present government of taking insufficient measures "and the result is we are losing Jerusalem." he said.

#### By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The commission of inquiry into the February 4 helicopter crash which killed 73 officers and soldiers met yesterday with technicians and experts trying to piece together the two wreckages. The five-man commission, head-

ed by former air force chief Maj-Gen. (res.) David Ivry, visited the air base where the remnants of the two CH-53, or Yasur, helicopters have been gathered.

The experts showed the commission evidence of what they believed to be the nature of the collision, but said it would be another two weeks before their report would be completed. The commission has another 28

days before it must hand in its final report 10 Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. In its interim report, the

### Hesder students volunteer for Lebanon after crash By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

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Eight hesder yeshiva studeots who finished their military service six months ago have volunteered for six weeks of duty in Lebanoo to fill the ranks of the Nabal troops who lost 30 men in the helicopter crash.

The army said the eight, all with experience in Lebanon, had requested to return to their Nahal unit in the security zone as reservists and that their requests were quickly approved. The eight went north last week and are at this moment deployed with the Shaham battalion of the Nahal Brigade in Lebanon, the

army said. They felt it was a natural and basic thing to do," said Rabbi Michael Brom, head of the hesder yeshiva at Shilo, where six of

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the students studied. "They have a brotherly commitment to the soldiers in their former unit. We told them that the yeshiva appre-ciated what they were doing." The two others studied at the hesder yeshiva in Ma'alot

The eight first considered helping in Lebanon after the death a month ago of fellow hesder stu-dent Ori Biton from Karnei Shomron. But the news that 30 fellow Nahal soldiers were killed in the helicopter crash pushed them to act, Brom said. Just like Torale study is

important for the mation of Israel, so is this service in which we come and support the army whose hands are shaky because 70 IDF fighters are missing," said Shalom Ashkenazi, one of the volunteers from the Shilo yeshiva.

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**High Court:** Rubinstein should take polygraph

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The High Court of Justice sharply criticized the decision to exempt Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein from a polygraph test yesterday, and gave the state 10 days to choose between two different means of handling the prob-

The court was hearing a petition by the Movement for Quality Government in Israel, which argued that exempting Rubinstein from the polygraph test which all other senior civil servants undergo violated the principle that all men are equal before the law. The petition also said Rubinstein should not be permitted to sit on the commission the government has established to examine the desirability of using polygraphs in the civil service in general, because his opposition to the polygraph gives him a vested interest in the committee's decision.

At yesterday's hearing, govern-ment attorney Uzi Fogelman argued that there has never been a rule requiring incoming civil servants to take their polygraph tests immediately, so there is nothing untoward in Rabinstein waiting until the committee finishes its deliberations - which is supposed to be sometime in April. However, Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahu Mazza and Dalia Dorner said this was evading the

issue. The real problem, they said, is that Rubinstein has essentially made a private ruling which, at least until the commission finishes its work, applies only to himself.

The justices therefore suggested two options for an interim procedure, and gave the state 10 days to consider them and tell the court which it prefers. One option, they said, is simply for Rubinstein to take the test like everybody else. The second, they said, is that polygraph tests be suspended for all civil servants unless and until the commission decides otherwise,

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Attorney Ya'acov Weinroth, who was hired by Netanyahu to handle his questioning in the Bar-On affair, yesterday met Arbel to tion and fell hur by it. discuss how to stop the leaks from Weinroth said he expects the

However, a few hours after the meeting between police and Arbel, police sources complained of the extent of Nelanyahu's cooperation during the police interrogation last week. Israel Radio reported that police sources of any wrongdoing. criticized the prime minister for giving unsatisfactory answers

in Amman. Netanyahu told the opposition that it was still early for them to be preparing for new elections: "Wait in patience. You have four years in the opposition. and I intend for you to be another four years in the opposition."

Weinroth also said he will not advise Netanvahu to remain silent

would be paying his fees, stating only "I don't work voluntarily." Meanwhile, the leaks, from sources close to the iovestigation. continued profusely yesterday. By last night the prosecution and the police again were beginning to blame each other. Channel 2 yesterday went further and quoted the sources as saying that the "police is now

hard at work trying to recruit someone who will turn state's witness in the case." These same sources told Channel 2 that despite everything they have "not so far been able to

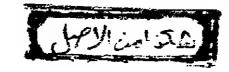
put together a case against the prime minister ... There is no solid evidence and the suspicions have not crystallized ... there is no real basis for the sense of a dramatic upheaval in the offing." The investigators are to meet

with Arbel today to set a course for the next few days of the investigation. Both have said they believe the investigation is in its

final stages and will be completed

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which they said was intended to make the prime minister look bad. Weinroth confirmed in radio interviews yesterday that Netanyahu was questioned under caution last week. He said Netanyahu was furious about the plague of leaks" in the investiga-

"style" of the police investigation,

investigation to end shortly and he would not advise the prime minister to suspend himself. He said the prime minister was certain of himself and his innocence and was sure the truth will come out and he will be found innocent

Speaking at a news conference